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Fort Almanac—December 15.

Sun Rises	7.08 A M
Sun Sets	4 44 P M
Day's Length	9 h 45 m
High Water at Southport	3.13 A M
High Water at Wilmington	4.56 A M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE.
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 15.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 55°; 8 p. m., 59° maximum, 67°; minimum, 52°; mean, 60°.

Rainfall for the day, .06; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 2 49.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 14.—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 8 2 feet

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina, threatening weather with light rains; northeasterly winds; cooler in eastern portion.

OUTLINES.

Resolutions were introduced in the Senate by Mr. Call, of Florida, characterizing the assassination of Gen. Maceo as a violation of the rules of civilized warfare and a cowardly act of treachery, and calling upon the President to demand the release of all United States citizens held by the Spanish Government as prisoners at Ceuta; Mr. Howard, of Alabama, introduced a resolution in the House recognizing the independence of Cuba. —— The First National Bank, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., has suspended, carrying with it branches at Williamsburg and Martinsburg. —— The schooner Amelia P. Schmidt, which sailed from this port for Jacmel, Hayti, Nov. 11th, was run into by another vessel and so badly damaged that her crew took refuge on a passing vessel and were carried to Turk's Island, from which place they were taken to New York by a Clyde Line steamer. —— W. D. Rountree & Co., cotton brokers, and John Collins & Co., cotton merchants, New York, have failed. —— Men are volunteering at St. Louis and other places for the relief of the Cuban insurgents, and 1,000 men are expected to leave New Orleans Friday for Cuba; meetings were held at Jacksonville, Key West, Tampa, Dallas, Texas, Paris, France, Hayti and many points in Mexico to discuss the Cuban question; a petition is being circulated among business men of New York urging Congress to take some definite action in the conflict between the Cubans and Spaniards and expressing sympathy for the former. —— Consul General Fitzhugh Lee, accompanied by his wife and daughter, will sail for Cuba Thursday. —— Government officials are watching developments closely, in view of the excitement caused throughout the country by the reported assassination of Maceo; the United States will do their utmost to preserve neutrality in order to prevent claims for damages by Spain for violation of neutrality laws; the cruisers Newark and Raleigh have gone to sea to intercept the Three Friends, which is reported to have left Fernandina on a filibustering expedition. —— The Cuban League of the United States was organized in New York last night; a monster mass meeting will be held in Cooper Union next Monday night, which will be addressed by Senators Morgan and Cullom, Representative Hitt and Speaker Reed. —— Yesterday's New York markets: Money on call was easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent., closing offered at 1½ per cent.; cotton quiet; middling gulf —c, middling 7½c; Southern flour dull and steady, common to fair extra $3 05@3 60; good to choice $3 60@3 90; wheat —spot dull and firmer, with options; ungraded red 90@99½c; corn, spot dull and firm; No. 2 29c at elevator and 30c afloat; rosin quiet—strained common to good $1 80; spirits turpentine easy at 27@27½c.

A bicycle, made mainly out of compressed paper, is in use now in London. It weighs twenty pounds and is said to be as strong as the strongest.

The Wisconsin lodge which several years ago was bequeathed $4,000 on condition that once every year its members drank two kegs of beer at a sitting has not yet failed to sit 'em out and take 'em in.

A writer in the Raleigh *Caucasian* says the Populists of this State have plenty of Senatorial timber. No doubt of it. It doesn't take much timber, nor of a very fine quality, to make a Populist Senator.

It is said that England and Russia have come to an understanding by which "reforms" are to be enforced in Turkey. If there is any truth in this it means perhaps that the Turks will not butcher the Armenians so openly and so numerously.

THE MORNING STAR.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention is called to the following REDUCED RATES of Subscription to THE MORNING STAR:

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TO CITY SUBSCRIBERS.

The STAR will be delivered by carrier at any point in the city at 12 cents per week, or 45 cents per month.

We know the fate of the little bovine which disputed the right of way with a locomotive. John Morgan, of Pennsylvania, was more fortunate. As there wasn't room for him and the locomotive on the track at the same time the locomotive picked him up and hurled him down a forty-foot embankment. Very much to the surprise of the crew, who expected to have a corpse for a passenger, John got up and walked off with only a scratch or two. But it was a close scratch.

Paul Heilbrun, an employe of the Southern Pacific R. R. says he has a dead sure thing on perpetual motion, an engine which ran for a whole year, by air generated by its own motion, and then stopped only because there was a leak in it. It took him three months to find the leak, but he plugged it up and the thing has been running now for four years. He keeps it blanketed until he gets his patent papers O. K.

As an illustration of how the franking privilege is abused Postmaster General Wilson cites the fact that out of the 348,988,643 pounds of second class matter that went as mail last year 52,348,000 pounds were carried free. It would be interesting to know how much of this went as campaign literature and soiled underwear.

Argentina isn't giving much encouragement to old bachelors and old maids, if it be true that, as stated by an English paper, bachelors have to pay a monthly tax and the marriageable male or female who without good reason refuses an offer of marriage must pay to the person refused $500.

If Maceo be really dead he will confer a favor on the Spaniards by staying dead and not coming to life as he has done several times. This, we believe, is about the sixth time they have had him dead, and they seem to be pop sure of it this time, so sure that they are dancing fandangos over it.

The Augusta, Ga., *Chronicle* notes the fact that "Georgia appropriates $8,000 for her State University and $278,000 for her lunatic asylum." There may be business in that. Her Solons do not expect to go to school any more, but they don't know how soon they may be in the asylum.

Mr. S. A. Thompson, who has been exploring the mountain regions of Venezuela, claims to have discovered a great river with a waterfall of 1,600 feet. The region is entirely uninhabited and he does not think this river or these falls have ever before been seen by a white man.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A. SCHIAFFINO—Notice.
NOTICE—Naval Reserves.
OPERA HOUSE—Stuart Robson.
E. M. WELLS—Carpenters wanted.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

WANTED—Board.
NOTICE—Boarders wanted.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. J. L. Pinner, of Southport, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

— Mr. A. H. Williams, of Rocky Point, is in the city.

— A. D. Ward, Esq., a prominent lawyer of Newbern, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. Fred. C. Craft, of Kingsville, S. C., but formerly of this city, has returned for the holidays.

— Mr. R. J. Southerland and Miss Annie Southerland, of Mount Olive, were among yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. W. W. McCormac, Rowland; Mr. P. H. Sasser, Bayboro; Mr. W. H. Daniel, Mullins, S. C., were here yesterday.

— Rev. R. A. Willis is expected to return to the city from conference this evening, as a couple requires his special service here to-morrow.

Improved Trade.

As an evidence of continued improvement in business, we give the names of the following out-of-town merchants who visited one of our wholesale establishments yesterday: Mr. R. J. Southerland, Mount Olive; Mr. J. E. Thompson, Bogue; Mr. Hawes, of the firm of Hawes & Sellers, Atkinson; Mr. P. H. Sasser, Bayboro; Mr. R. V. White, Vineland; Mr. A. M. Williams, Peacelix; Mr. W. H. Daniel, Mullins, S. C.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The Board of Audit will meet in regular session this afternoon.

— The U. S. lighthouse supply steamer *Almeria* arrived at Southport yesterday.

— A false alarm of fire was turned in last night from box 53, corner of Seventh and Queen streets.

— A meeting of the Naval Reserves, for inspection, is called this evening at 8 o'clock at the armory.

— The schooner *Victory* arrived yesterday afternoon with a cargo of oranges, the whole of which was bought by the B. F. Keith Co.

— A gentleman from Newbern gives the information that a large party may be expected from that town on Wednesday night to attend the Kirmess.

— Among the features of the Kirmess Inn to-night will be the celebrated Graphophone. Every one who attends the entertainment should hear this wonderful machine.

— Benjamin Boston, colored, was before Justice Bunting yesterday, charged with stealing a watch from Daniel Roberts, colored. He was adjudged not guilty and discharged.

— In the hope that it may give some deserving men employment, the STAR calls attention to the advertisement of Mr. E. M. Wells, in this issue, who needs the services of five carpenters.

—Miss Julia Burr's house on Dock street near Front, which was damaged by fire last Saturday night, was insured with Messrs. J. H. Boatwright & Son for $1,500. The damage is estimated at about $500.

— To-night will be "Fayetteville night" at the Kirmess. Quite a large number of ladies and gentlemen from that place are expected here this afternoon by special train on the C. F. & Y. V. railroad.

— The STAR is requested, on behalf of Howard Relief Steam Fire Engine Company, to return thanks to Mr. Jas. Mote for his generosity in furnishing the company with coffee and sandwiches at the fire on Bladen street early Sunday morning.

OPERA HOUSE.

Stuart Robson and Janauschek Next Friday Night.

Manager Schloss of the Opera House offers as an attraction Friday evening, December 18th, two theatrical stars, who are always in demand, the well known comedian Stuart Robson and Mme. Janauschek, the great expoaent of the trahic stage in "Mrs. Panderbury's Past." Barnard's adaptation from the great French comedy. The engagement of two such stars as the above named pack the Opera House Friday night to the doors, and no doubt the theatregoers of this city, cppreciating the management's efforts, will turn out *en masse* to greet Mr. Robson and Mme. Janauschek. There are not many who have not heard of Stuart Robson and the eminent tragedienne, Janauschek.

"Mrs. Ponderbury's Past" is a comedy that has no clouds nor weighty problems. The plot is unique, and it is a play that will entertain and amuse, rather than furnish food serious discussion. After a three years' run in Paris, it enjoyed a year's run in London.

In conjunction with this clever play will be introduced at the opening a one act comedy, entitled "Mr. Gilman's Wedding."

Reserve seats $1.50 and $1.00. Sale begins at Gerken's Thursday. General admission 50 cents.

THE LETTER CARRIERS.

Amounts Allowed Them for Overtime Will Soon Be Paid—The Wilmington, Raleigh and Winston Carriers.

The Clerk of the Court of Claims has transmitted to Congress the following statement of judgments rendered in behalf of letter carriers in Wilmington: George D. Riley, $280.89; Harry Hill, $899.85; John G. Darden, $360.73; Fletcher Hewitt, $301.18; Arthur C Prempert, $275.15; Stephens R. Ellis, $396.46; William McD. Evans, $98.46; John T. Howe, $493.31; John W. Nell, $391.78; William H. Norwood, $397.70; Alexander Sampson, $393.81; Douglas F. Kelley, $360.43; Charles H. Miller, $291.78; Thomas H. Knight, $341.70.

The following are the lucky carriers in Winston and Raleigh: Winston, N. C.—Anderson D. Stipe, $390.58. Raleigh, N. C.—David T. Adams, $368.49; John H. Bell, $30.91; William M. Brown, $147.01; John T. Farmer, $135.43; Arthur L. Gorman, $149.06; Rufus, H. Hackney, $149.06; John W. Parker, $33.73; Shelly Hiram, $139.89; Edward S. Trapier, $63.98; Charles W. Bevers, $37.17.

The above claims will be embodied in the sundry civil appropriation bill, and when that is passed and signed by the President, they will be paid.

Talmage's Sermons.

The STAR has received requests from some of its subscribers to print one of Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage's sermons every week. As this is a new feature and would occupy considerable space, we hesitate to adopt it unless it is desired by a considerable number of our readers. We, therefore, request those of our subscribers who would like to read the Talmage sermons to notify us to that effect by postal cards. If this request is complied with, we can then determine whether or not the sermons will be worth the additional expense and space made necessary by their publication.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents. tf

THE KIRMESS.

OPENING OF THE ENTERTAINMENT GIVEN BY LADIES OF WILMINGTON.

In Aid of the Fund for the Monument to Cornelius Harnett—A Brilliant Gathering at the Opera House—Carnival of Nations and the Dancers—Another Performance this Evening.

In a blaze of splendor, like a meteoric shower, where each luminous body or appearance vies with each other in the brilliancy of the display, the Kirmess did literally burst upon the spectators at the Opera House last night. Wonderful to tell; more wonderful to be seen! Old Noah Webster certainly never attempted to describe a Kirmess; other wise he would have invented more descriptive adjectives. Any attempt at portraying the character and achievements of a genuine Kirmess in all of its details, and which is now presented for the first time and for four nights at the Opera House to the admiring gaze of the Wilmington public, would fall of exactness.

If a reporter could by mere words add zest to æsthetic tastes and induce those who have not availed themselves of the opportunity to witness this most unique spectacle, he would feel in a great degree compensated. Those who were there last night will not forego any occasion which appears to revisit. It would be decidedly a work of supererogation to describe in the abstract the meaning of the term Kirmess; Newspaper and book, poster and handbill have furnished that specific information; it has been for a month or more a more a part of the conversational courtesies of the drawing room, the theme of the how d'ye-do salutation on the street-corners, relieved the monotony of the counting-room and buoyed a depressed market. Universal in its application, it embraces all nations in its representation, with the distiactive features of dress, manner or custom. So true to nature is the delineation that one appreheads a confusion of tongues, and approaching those from foreign lands, feels as if the aid of an interpreter should be invoked. Each representation has its own peculiar boast, so that together they may combine in the aggregate as much of historical interest as of natural beauty.

The Kirmess is an annual church festival held in Holland in the public gardens by the Dutch, Swiss and Austrian peasants. From this originated the gay festivals held in the country, in which the dancers are costumed to represent the various nationalities.

After an overture of National Airs by the orchestra, under the leadership of Prof. S. A. Schloss, the curtain was rung up on a tableau of all nations, among them being the Mikado, Mr. W. Robertson; Empress, Mrs. E. P. Boatwright; Gypsy Queen, Miss Annie Blount DeRosset; Diana, Mrs. Hugh McRae, and the American Indian Chief, Mr. James Black. The same represented the gathering of representatives of the different nations around the Queen of the Kirmess, Mrs. Andrew J. Harriss, with Columbia, Mrs. S. H. Fishblate, standing on a pedestal of white in the background. Then followed a procession of all the representatives, lead by the Queen of the Kirmess.

Next, in quick succession, came the following dances, each being a feature within itself and each received with admirarion and hearty appreciative applause.

Celebration of Waf-am-Neul or Overflow of the Nile, by Misses Emma West, Sallie Kenan, Eliza Bellamy, Annie Lee, Page Humphrey, Josephine Sharrer, Maggie Brown, Fannie Green, Janie Dunn and Augusta Wiggins.

Dance of Little Sphinx Worshippers—Little Misses Alice Wright, Margaret Palmer, Daisy Lippitt, Nannie Walters, Margaret Nash, Ray Sneed, Lillian Fowler, Mamie Nathan, Lois Toomer, Alice Reiley and Viola Bear.

Series of enchanting Egyptian tableaus, formed by the Egyptian Nile Worshippers and Little Sphinx Worshippers.

Japanese Court Dancers, Titipu Quadrille by Little Japs, Ella Jacobs, Theodosia Cantwell, Annette Munds, Louise Watson, Lina DeRosset, Amoret Lord, Mary B. Hever, Thurber Gore, Marie Clawson, Bessie Loder, Lucy A. Poisson, Katie Ficet, Annie Holmes, Jessie LeMotte, Kate Meyers, Pierre Holmes, Owen Holmes, Jno. Murchison, Joe Jacobs, Robert James, Milton Gore, Will Gore, Dick Grant, Ed. Reiley, Charlie Morris, Theodore James, Frederick Munds, David Struthers, Louis Orrell, Haughton James, Joe Nathan and little Miss Lucy Burkheimer.

Japanese Satsuma Shinto Court Dance—Empress, Mrs. E. P. Boatwright; Mikado, Mr. W. F. Robertson; subjects, Misses Carrie Myers, Nellie Kenly, Cammie Lord, Marie Peschau, Dena Angel, Bessie Wiggins, and Messrs. Geo. Crow, Clarence French, L. Southerland, George Taylor, Richard Bradley and Chas. Lewis.

German Country Harvest Dance—Misses Nessie Cotchett, Anita DeRosset, Eliza McPherson, Alice Borden, Jeannie Harriss, Francis Chadbourn, and Messrs. Earle St. John, Tom Myers, Wm. Lewis, Sam Collier, James Cotchett and Tom Davis.

Gypsy Tambourine Dance—Misses Ida Brown, Alice Rheinstein, Jane Williams, Elizabeth Daggett, Isabelle Black, Nellie McMillan, Marie Munds, Isabelle Rountree, Maggie Catlett, Mary Wiggins, Fannie Doyle and Jennie Calder.

Swedish Christmas Eve Festival Dance—Misses Sue Meares, Martha Williams, Mary T. Peck, Genie Peck, Alice Smallbones, Mildred Davis, Beulah Armstrong, Sue McQueen and Messrs. Fred. Dick, Jas. Stevenson, Dawson Latham, Louis Cutlar, Tom Myers, Robert Nash and W. C. Crow.

America Moon Dance by Indian Girls—Misses Georgie Orrell, Gertrude Bryan, Lucy Bridgers, Margaret Bridgers, Nellie Borden, Jennie Burbank, Bettie Gordon, Nora Angel, Annie Harper, Louise Harlow, Nonie Greenabaum and Reba Myers.

America—Indian Ghost Dance, led by the chief, Mr. James Black, and participated in by the following braves: Messrs. E. Forshee, Chas. Myers, Nash DeRosset, Geo. James, Henry Peschau, Harry Latham, S. K. DeVeny, Owen Love, Frank St. John, Reid French and Frank Huggins.

The following compose the orchestra which played the Kirmess music: Prof. S. A. Schloss, leader and violin; Mrs. M. P. Taylor, piano; Prof. Joseph Bernard, violin; Mr. W. A. Martin, flute; Mr. J. F. Selman, clarionette; Mr. J. E. Wilson, cornet; Mr. J. H. King, bass, and Mr. Henry Newman, drums. Messrs. Selman and King are from the Mozart Symphony Club of Durham, N. C.

Last night's entertainment appealed to the visual and intellectual organs, but in addition thereto, from to-night on, the management will cater to the gastronomic palate of the epicure, and in the Mayor's office and court room will be found such tempting viands, over which the immortal Alexis Sayer would have smacked his lip.

Among to-night's dances will be the Ancient Athenian Feast Dance, Greek Cymbal Dance, Spanish Wedding Dance, and English May Dance, Sixteenth Century.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Col. Roger Moore and Mr. W. F. Alexander Appointed Members of the Board of New Hanover by His Honor Judge E. T. Boykin of the Superior Court.

Judge E. T. Boykin has appointed Col. Roger Moore, of Wilmington, and Mr. W. F. Alexander, of Harnett Township, members of the Board of Commissioners of New Hanover county. The order is now in the office of Col. John D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, before whom the new Commissioners will qualify, and is as follows:

This matter coming on to be heard before me at Chambers in Clinton on the 11th day of December, 1896, and it appearing from the affidavit and petition filed in this cause that five freeholders of the county of New Hanover have declared their belief under oath that the business of the county of New Hanover, if left entirely in the hands of the three Commissioners elected at the last election, will be improperly managed, and that 200 citizens of said county, electors, and one-half of whom are freeholders so certified by the Clerk of the Superior Court, request the appointment of two honest and discreet citizens of said county of opposite party from the majority of the present Board of Commissioners: It is now ordered and adjudged that W. F. Alexander and Roger Moore, honest and discreet citizens of said county of New Hanover, who received the highest Democratic vote for County Commissioners at the last election, be and they are hereby appointed County Commissioners of New Hanover county, and from this appointment and their qualification by taking the oath required for County Commissioners, be and become members of the Board of said Commissioners in every respect as fully as if elected by the people, and shall continue in office until the election and qualification of the successors of said Board of County Commissioners; and after their appointment and qualification no money shall be paid upon order of said Board, nor official debt be incurred except upon the concurrence of as many as four of said Board.

E. T. BOYKIN,
Judge Sixth Judicial District.

Death of Mrs. B. W. Newkirk.

After an illness of two months Mrs. Newkirk, wife of Mr. B. W. Newkirk, of this city, master machinist of the Navassa Guano Works, passed away Sunday night at 10.30 o'clock. Mrs. Newkirk was a native of Brunswick county and leaves a husband and several children to mourn her loss. The deceased was a sister of Mr. J. B. Mercer, member of the firm of Mercer & Evans.

The funeral was held from the residence, No. 216 North Sixth street, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The pallbearers were Messrs. C. E. Borden, E. P. Bailey, Frank Maunder, T. W. Clawson, M. Roseman and T. O. Gaylord. The remains were interred in Oakdale Cemetery.

W. L. I.—Election of Officers.

The Wilmington Light Infantry met last night at their armory and elected officers—military to serve two years and civil one year—as follows:

Captain—Donald McRae.
First Lieutenant—C. H. White.
Second Lieutenant—R. H. Cowan.
President—G. A. Cardwell.
Vice President—J. C. James.
Secretary and Treasurer—Thos. H. Wright.
Finance Committee—Donald McRae (chairman), N. E. Gillican, J. D. Bellamy, Jr. 2d.

Will Hang Out His Shingle.

Our enterprising neighbor-in-law Gee Zee is so well pleased with the outlook for business in the matrimonial line that he has, he says, decided to hang out a sign in words and figures following, to-wit:

"Ardent lovers spliced neatly, cheaply and expeditiously. No questions asked. Gee Zee, J. P."

The STAR will be surprised if this does not result in a rush of business, for there's many a couple that would like to be married if there were "no questions asked."

Conference Appointments.

The following are among the appointments made by the M. E. Conference at Kinston:

Wilmington District—Rev. R. C. Beaman, P. E.
Grace church—Rev. R. A. Willis.
Fifth Street church—Rev. W. L. Cuninggim.
Market Street church—Rev. T. H. Sutton.
Bladen Street church—Rev. T. J. Browning.
Newbern District—Rev. W. S. Rone.

— Rev. W. C. Norman is expected to arrive in the city to-morrow on a short visit. Mrs. Norman has been here for several days, much to the delight of hosts of friends in all denominations.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

An Increased Appropriation Recommended for Common Schools—The Matter of Establishing a Church Paper—Church Extension—Aid to be Given to Fifth Street Church, Wilmington.

[*Kinston Free Press.*]

Conference was called to order at 9 a. m. by Bishop Wilson, who requested Rev. A. D. Betts, of Newbern, to conduct the devotional exercises.

Rev. W. S. Rone, presiding elder of the Wilmington district, made a motion that the name of J. C. Crisp be referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the supernumerary relation, and it was so ordered.

Rev. L. S. Massey, on behalf of the Committee on Conference Relations, read the report of his committee, recommending that the names of C. R. Taylor, I. W. Avant and R. W. Townsend be placed on the supernumerary list, and that the names of M. C. Thomas, N. A. Hooker, J. B. Martin, T. B. Reeks, T. P. Ricaud, J. C. McCall, Solomon Pool and R. P. Troy be placed on the superannuated roll. The report was adopted.

Rev. W. C. Norman offered a resolution which was unanimously adopted: That the M. E. Church South, in North Carolina, assist in carrying the Gospel to the county homes for the poor and to the prisoners in jails and penitentiaries, etc.

The State Aid resolution came up as unfinished business.

L. L. Smith offered to amend as follows: Strike out all after the word "efficiently" in line 3 of the second resolution and substitute therefor the following: "That within the constitutional limits of taxation we recommend an increased appropriation for the common schools."

The amendment was accepted by Dr. Yates and the resolutions were adopted.

The report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals was read by Chairman J. N. Cole. It endorsed the *National Christian Advocate* and the Southern Methodist Publishing House, and recommended the adoption of the report of the special committee appointed a year ago at conference to consider the advisability of establishing a church organ. It will be remembered that this special committee made its report on the second day of conference this week, recommending the establishment of a church paper to be published at Raleigh, with Rev. T. N. Ivey as editor at a salary of $1 500 per year; the editor to be business manager and to be elected every two years. The following were recommended as the members of the board of trustees for said paper: Rev. W. S. Black and Mr. J. Y. Brown for three years, Rev. R. B. John and Mr. B. N. Duke for two years, Rev. G. A. Oglesby and Col. Roger Moore for one year.

A minority report was presented by Lay Delegate W. B Harker, of Maxton, recommending that the North Carolina Conference become a purchaser of $3 000 worth of stock in the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* and elect an editor at $1,200 salary to represent this Conference on said paper, and it to continue to be the joint organ of both Conferences in North Carolina.

Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates spoke in favor of the amendment, counselling peace and harmony, and said that in view of his long experience as a newspaper man and of his close acquaintance with the various religious newspaper wars in the North Carolina Conference, he hoped that his remarks would have some influence with the brethren. The doctor's speech was exceedingly conciliatory in its character, and was closely listened to, as is the case whenever he rises on the Conference floor to speak.

A resolution was read opposing local preachers of the Methodist church, who as unauthorized evangelists hold meetings in the charges of this conference without invitation from the pastor. Adopted.

Report of the board of church extension was read and adopted. It showed that $2 067 had been expended the past year. Aid will be given Fifth Street church, Wilmington.

Rev. J. N. Cole offered an amendment to the minority report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals, which fixed the salary of the editor of the *North Carolina Advocate* at $1,500, but on motion the report of the committee regarding the conference paper was recommitted to the committee.

A request was made for all the preachers to give to the secretary dates of their birth and conversion, the place of their conversion, and under whose ministry conversion occurred, for use by the Committee on Memoirs.

W. C. Norman extended a cordial invitation to the Conference to hold its next session in Edenton Street church, Raleigh, and no other invitations being received this was unanimously accepted.

WILMINGTON AND CHARLESTON.

Cotton Receipts of the Two Ports—Some Errors Corrected—Percentage of Gain at Wilmington Larger Than at Charleston.

The *News and Courier*, felicitating itself on the cotton receipts of Charleston, says:

Charleston's gain in receipts is very gratifying. The increase in receipts over last year so far is but little less than one hundred thousand bales. The receipts to date are 979,075; last year's this date, 180,895. The receipts for the past week were 11,994, and last week 14,876; this week last year 13 003. Charleston leads Wilmington and Mobile by over a hundred thousand and stands fifth in the receipts at all the ports.

The *News and Courier's* own figures show that instead of the excess of Charleston's receipts being "but a little less than one hundred thousand bales" over last year, it is just 87,910 bales. The total receipts of Wilmington from September 1st to and including last Friday were 188,553 bales; same time last year, 138,531 bales. Increase, 65,021 bales. These figures show that the statement of the *News and Courier* that "Charleston leads Wilmington by over a hundred bales" is incorrect, the real difference being but 84,553 bales.

But there is another fact worth noting that is shown by the figures—the percentage of increase at Wilmington is about 53, while at Charleston it is about 47.

Died of Paralysis.

A correspondent at Magnolia, N. C., writes the STAR that Mr. Alex. Southerland, a well known and highly respected citizen of Duplin county, living about three miles from Magnolia, was stricken with paralysis last Saturday morning and died Sunday, aged 61 years.

Epworth League.

The Epworth League of Grace Methodist E. Church will hold its regular monthly meeting to-night and officers for the ensuing term will be elected.

RALEIGH NEWS.

Death of Mr. R. O. Patterson, Chairman of the Republican Campaign Committee—A Sound Money Democrat Pledged to Support Pritchard.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 14.

The intelligence received here of the death of Mr. R. O. Patterson, which occurred in Asheville yesterday, brought much sadness. Mr. Patterson was here during the campaign, he being Chairman of the Republican Campaign Committee. He made many friends while in Raleigh. He knew that death would overtake him at an early date, but he was always cheerful. Mr. Patterson was Clerk of the Federal Court in the Western district and would have undoubtedly been appointed Collector had he lived. He died of Bright's disease.

I get the information from Republicans who are in a position to know, that a sound money Democrat who was elected a member of the Legislature will support Pritchard for the Senate. The names of one or two Democrats have been associated with the statement, but the facts are not sufficient to justify the publication of them. My informants allege that the pledge was required of the sound money Democrat during the campaign. His election, they say, would have been impossible without Republican votes.

The new annex to the Agricultural building is completed. The wood work is now being painted.

Mrs. W. G. Allen, wife of the superintendent of the county institution, died this morning.

Railway Commissioner Beddingfield is very sick.

THE CLYDE'S NEW LINE

From Boston to Wilmington and Points Further South—Arrival of the Morgan City, the First Steamer from Boston.

The *Morgan City*, the first steamer of the Clyde's newly established line between Boston and Wilmington, arrived here Sunday afternoon, discharged cargo for this place before daylight Monday morning and took her departure for Jacksonville, Fla., via Charleston, S. C. She is due at Jacksonville to-day, and will leave there on her return trip Thursday. She will be followed by the steamer *Oneida*, which is expected to arrive here next Sunday from Boston.

The *Morgan City* is commanded by Capt. Leech. She is chartered by the Clyde Line from the Southern Pacific Steamship Co., which runs a line of steamers between Florida and Havana. Capt. Leech's officers are: Chief Officer Done, Second Officer Ingram and Chief Engineer Rook. His crew numbers twenty-seven able-bodied seamen, all told.

The *Morgan City* is of 1,765.94 net tonnage and 2 999 54 gross. She is 281 feet in length, 38 feet 1 inch beam and 20 1 feet deep. She carries triple expansion engines and has a chief engineer and two assistants. She was for many years used in the Southern Pacific Steamship Company and has done good service. She is one of the best and roomiest of the freight steamers in Southern waters and is without doubt a great addition to the Clyde's fine fleet.

The steamers of the new line will run from Boston to Wilmington, to Charleston, to Jacksonville, and return to Boston via Charleston.

Distressing Intelligence.

Mr. F. E. Turner, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who has been in the city for the past week helping to increase the membership of the Y. M. C. A. here, received a telegram Sunday from Vanderbilt College, Nashville, Tenn., apprising him of the illness of his brother Sterling W. Turner, a student of the college. About ten minutes after the receipt of the first telegram, another was received, conveying the sad intelligence that his brother had passed away. Mr. Turner left on the afternoon train for Franklinton, Tenn., where the interment will take place. He was not probably aware of the cause of his brother's death, which was disclosed by a press dispatch sent Sunday night from Nashville, Tenn., as follows:

Sterling W. Turner, a theological student at Vanderbilt University was found dead in his room at 3 o'clock this afternoon, with his throat cut from ear to ear. He was lying in the middle of the floor and near his side was a razor, with which the rash deed was done. That it was calmly planned and deliberately executed, was shown by the bowl, which was half filled with blood, where he had leaned over it ere weakness overcame him. The door was locked, but his roommate and a friend broke it open, when the ghastly spectacle was discovered. Turner was President of the University Y. M. C. A. He was a close student and a most exemplary man. Recent ill health had caused him to fall behind in his classes, and it is thought that this fact preyed deeply upon his mind. His father is a minister, residing at Wartrace, Tenn.

Corinthian Harnett Council No. 291—Royal Arcanum.

At a meeting of the above named council held last night the following were elected officers for the year 1897:

Regent—Sol. Heinsberger, Jr.
Vice-Regent—A. L. DeRosset.
Orator—J. J. Hopkins.
Secretary—John Cowan.
Collector—J. Weil
Treasurer—L. L. Greenwald.
Chaplain—C. E. Hall.
Guide—Harry Hill.
Warden—Jos. Sternberger.
Sentry—A. Silverman.
Trustees—Roger Moore, I. J. Bear, Geo. Sloan.

Representative to Grand Council—S. Mendelsohn, D. D.

Alternate Representative to Grand Council—B. J. Jacobs.

The Grand Council meets in this city in May.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

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Do not forget that THE MORNING STAR is the cheapest daily of its class in North Carolina. Its price is $5.00, while the published price of others ranges from $7.00 to $8.00.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—589 bales cotton.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—759 bales cotton, 84 casks spirits turpentine, 54 bbls rosin, 76 bbls tar, 25 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central R. R.—358 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 39 bbls rosin, 5 bbls tar.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—70 bales cotton, 12 casks spirits turpentine, 180 bbls rosin, 35 bbls tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—300 bales cotton 193 bbls rosin, 49 bbls tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—1 bale cotton, 300 bbls rosin, 50 bbls tar.

Steamer Frank Sessoms—4 bales cotton, 84 casks spirits turpentine, 195 bbls rosin, 129 bbls tar.

Steamer Driver—10 bales cotton, 97 casks spirits turpentine, 238 bbls rosin, 161 bbls tar.

Total receipts—Cotton, 1,979 bales; spirits turpentine, 109 casks; rosin, 1,169 bbls; tar, 505 bbls; crude turpentine, 25 bbls.

DIED.

NEWKIRK—In this city, Sunday evening, at 10.30 o'clock, Mrs. B. W. NEWKIRK, wife of B. W. Newkirk.

Funeral yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment in Oakdale Cemetery.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Notice.

ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY CAUTIONED against harboring or trusting any of the crew of Italian barque "Rosa," as no bills of their contracting will be paid by the master or consignee.
A. SCHIAFFINO,
dec 15 1t Master.

Carpenters Wanted.

FIVE CARPENTERS
CAN FIND EMPLOYMENT
by applying to E. M. WELLS, on Nutt between Hanover and Brunswick streets. dec 15 1t

Notice.

MEMBERS OF NAVAL RESERVES ARE ordered to appear at their Armory this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock, for inspection. No excuse will be taken
W. R. MORRISON,
dec 15 1t Commander

Sealed Proposals

WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE MAYOR'S Office, City Hall, until noon December 23rd, 1896, for furnishing material and for grading and placing the same on the following named streets: Third street from Dock to Red Cross, Chestnut street from Front to Seventh, Castle street from Front to Seventh, Fourth street from Market to Castle. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids.
W. N. HARRISS, Mayor.
dec 10 3t 10 15 20

PROPOSALS

FOR FURNISHING THE OUT-DOOR-POOR of New Hanover County for the year 1897 with Medicines, Coffins and Burials, and the Poor and the Public Buildings with Wood and Coal, will be received at the office of the Chairman County Commissioners until the first Monday in January, 1897. Parties bidding will receive more favorable consideration if stated in bids that they are not bound by nor connected with combines and trusts in maintaining prices.

The druggists bidding are hereby notified that the dividing of prescriptions into two or three prescriptions where there should be properly only one will not be allowed in the future. Of course, the county physician will be expected to economize in writing prescriptions.
F. W. FOSTER,
Chairman Board County Commissioners.
dec 12 3t

OPERA HOUSE,
Friday Evening, December 18th.
Stuart Robson with Mme. Janauschek,
and Mr. Robson's company of actor's.
Direction, Wm. R. Hayden.
"Mr. Tilman's Wedding
AND
Mrs. Ponderbury's Past."
Mr. Robson as Young Tillman and Old Mr. Pon

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 15, 1896

NOT DEAD YET.

In some of his Canton speeches while the campaign was in progress Mr. McKinley took occasion several times to congratulate his hearers on the burying of sectionalism, and expressed the hope that we would never see it revived. Without discussing the sincerity of these utterances, or whether they were intended for political effect, to strengthen his candidacy in what was regarded as the doubtful Southern States, such as Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and Tennessee, we are willing to admit for the present that he may have been sincere, both in his congratulations and in his expressed hopes. But Mr. McKinley the individual, and Mr. McKinley the politician and the representative of his party may be entirely two different persons. We expressed the opinion during the campaign that if Mr. McKinley were elected President and his party had strength enough in House and Senate to pass an election law to make the South a less potent political factor, and passed such a law he would sign it, and we believe so now, although we do not anticipate anything of that kind as one of the first moves. The party has four years to run. It is as strong now as it could be made within the next year or two by such legislation, but two years hence we will have another Congressional election and events in the meantime might suggest something like this as political expediency or necessity.

Since the election a number of the Republican organs in the North and West, and also some of the so-called Democratic organs which supported McKinley, have begun to prepare the way for some such legislation by calling attention to the fact that in some of the Southern States the franchise is restricted, and as it so happens that the majority of voters thus affected belong to the Republican party and the Republican party is a loser thereby, they think something should be done about it. The programme is to reduce representation in Congress from those States where the franchise is restricted, in justification of which they quote the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution, which reads as follows:

"But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male citizens of such State, being twenty-one years of age and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State."

The only Southern States to which this applies in any way are Mississippi and South Carolina, in both of which there are laws restricting the franchise, but it may be taken as a reminder by others that the move may be made to enforce this amendment to deter them from passing similar legislation.

Every one knows the animus that inspired the enactment of this amendment and of the fifteenth amendment, which went further, knows that it was to prevent interference with the colored vote upon which the Republican party then counted to carry at least some of the Southern States and hold them in the Republican column. The men who framed and passed these amendments had the negro, and the negro only, in view. It was his vote they were after and his vote only that they didn't want hampered by any restrictions. If these restrictive laws were of such a character as to exclude negroes only it might be argued that the amendments in question were violated and the penalty might be enforced, but it so happens that these laws in the South apply to all persons eligible to the ballot, and if they are thereby temporarily disfranchised they disfranchise themselves, and it is their own fault and not the fault of the law which prevents them from voting. The law provides the way, and they simply fail to comply with the law because they are not sufficiently interested in the ballot to comply. There is in no Southern State such a thing as permanent, or absolute restriction or discrimination on account of race or previous or present condition. Every one eligible to the ballot in other respects is eligible under the laws in all of the Southern States, provided they conform to the law.

The State of Mississippi has an educational qualification which applies to both white and colored citizens. No man can vote unless he has this qualification. The State of North Carolina has a registration law. No man can vote who does not comply with that law. Here then is restriction, but of a different kind in both States, and objectors have as much right to find fault with the restriction in North Carolina as with that in Mississippi. About the only difference is that it is easier to get the colored voters to register than to learn to read, and therefore the party is less hurt by the restriction in North Carolina than it is in Mississippi. But nearly every State now has registration laws, so that this kind of thing is general. There are, however, States which have other qualifications, such as the payment of poll taxes, as in Pennsylvania, and others have a property qualification, all of which are essentially as objectionable as the educational qualification of Mississippi, and even more so, but there doesn't seem to be any objection to these on the part of the gentlemen who make a specialty of criticising the restriction in Southern States and demanding a reduction of representation on a basis of the votes actually cast, which might vary materially in different elections.

But the fact that there are in the North thousands of voters who seldom vote, although they are counted in the apportionments for representation, and thus stand upon the same plane with the citizens of States who fail to comply with the requirements of the law, does not serve to strike the quoters of this amendment as pertinent, although there is no good reason why representation should not be reduced in one case as well as in the other, if the votes actually cast at an election are to be the basis of representation.

When this proposition comes up for discussion, if it should, it may prove quite interesting and may elicit some suggestive figures, showing how some States and sections have so many members in Congress and other States and sections comparatively so few.

MINOR MENTION.

The American navy as it exists today is to all intents and purposes a new navy, the building of which began during President Cleveland's first administration. The following facts and figures gleaned from the report of Secretary Herbert by the Philadelphia *Times* will show the progress that has been made and is now being made to put this country on a war footing at sea:

"The number of new vessels that will have been commissioned under this administration is 28, with an aggregate displacement of 118,184 tons. They are 3 first class and 2 second class armored battleships, 10 armored cruisers, 4 double turreted monitors, 3 gunboats and 1 harbor defence ram, without including the additional battleships, cruisers, gunboats and torpedo-boats under construction. Since June 30, 1895, the number of vessels in commission has increased from 60 vessels, of 63,890 tons, to 49 vessels, of 187,850 tons. Large as this increase appears, Mr. Herbert is of opinion that it yet does not suffice to place the navy in a satisfactory condition to meet all the demands that may be made upon it, both for coast defense and and for the protection of American interests in all parts of the world.

"The Secretary gives particular attention in his report to the armament and auxiliary cruisers, those vessels of the merchant marine that may be called into service in emergency, to which he attaches a great deal of importance. Incidentally may be noted the gradual removal of the reproach that our navy is largely manned by aliens. This was for some time the case, and in 1890 only 53 per cent. of the whole enlisted force of 7,616 men and apprentices were American citizens. At the date of the present report 79 per cent. of the enlisted men were citizens and 83 per cent. of the apprentices American born. The total force is 9,748, so that while the addition to the enlisted force is some 2,000, the increase of Americans is about 3,000, and this gradual re-Americanization of the blue-jackets is likely to continue, to the great advantage of the navy and of the country."

It is not creditable to this country that such a large percentage of the men who man these ships are aliens, but as our merchant marine has disappeared from the seas we have no school for training men for the sea, and consequently we must depend largely on aliens for this kind of service. Some of these days when we have ships of our own upon which to train sailors we will have Americans to man American war-ships.

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A few days ago we quoted something from the Hendersonville *Times* in reference to gold discoveries and mines in that portion of the mountain region of North Carolina. Until within the past few years but little attention has been given East of Guilford county, (except in Nash county) to prospecting for gold, although it was known to exist in a number of counties. The prospects now are that some of our richest mines will be found to exist in territory that has been but recently explored and where until quite recently the subject of gold mining attracted no attention. As bearing upon this and giving the opinion of experienced gold miners from the gold region of the West, we clip the following from the Chattanooga *Times*:

"J. T. Allen, a mine owner of Arizona, and Ridge Quigley, of Cleveland, Ohio, also interested in the extensive mining lands in the West, especially in the Cripple Creek region, were in the city yesterday en route to North Carolina.

"The gentlemen and their associates have just purchased 700 acres of land in Warren county, N. C., where gold is believed to exist in large quantities. They intend to largely develop the gold lands of that section and with that end in view have just shipped about $90,000 worth of gold mining machinery to Warren county.

"They claim to have visited some of the finest gold fields in the world, and declare that the best gold fields of the world, the richest, are in North Carolina, North Georgia and Alabama. These, they declare, will produce more gold than any other sections in the world when properly handled.

"The specimens of the quartz found in the North Carolina field assays very high. It was tested in Kansas City and London and shows up magnificently.

"'In two years,' said Mr. Allen, 'there will be the biggest gold boom in the world for years. This will be in the South.'

"Mr. Allen will have erected at Warren county a stamping mill and cloronization plant at once."

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The last distinguished aspirant to enter the Senatorial race in this State is ex-Congressman John M. Brower, of Mount Airy, who is a Republican but thinks he can pull some Populist votes. As this is a free-to-all race, we are not surprised that Mr. Brower has entered it. He is a small man physically, mentally and in acquirements that would fit him for that or for any other representative position, but in all the essentials he is the peer of several others who have announced themselves as candidates, and therefore we say that we are not surprised at his shying his castor in the ring and announcing that he "is in the fight to win." We admire his pluck, although we cannot commend his discretion; but he may have some fun and acquire some experience, both of which are good in their way if they don't cost too much. Perhaps there is a little job behind this, and possibly Mr. Brower, who has the reputation of being a cute manipulator, may have his eye on something else and is playing the Senatorial racket as a side play to help him in that. If he can go in and get a few votes pledged to him, he might barter with Pritchard or the man who stands the best chance of election, and come out ahead—with some snug appointment. Very likely that is what the Mount Airy gentleman is playing for.

Nebraska has 350,000,000 bushels of corn to sell this year. Last year there was a corn famine in that State, so severe that seed had to be donated to some sections.

CURRENT COMMENT.

— The announcement that Secretary Carlisle will not return to Kentucky at the close of his official term is by no means unexpected. Carlisle and Kentucky have been pulling apart for some time past.—*New York Journal, Dem.*

— The first week of the closing term of the Fifty-Fourth Congress is a thing of the past. It resulted in a serio-comic juggle of the Dingley bill and a bluff at excluding liquor from the Capitol.—*Washington Post, Ind.*

— The attention that Spain is now giving to fortifying Havana shows how strong the is the real apprehension back of the shouts of joy over cheaply manufactured reports of Cuban losses. When insurrections are put down it is not by building breastworks, but by charging them.—*N. Y. World, Dem.*

— If it is true that Maceo has been killed, Weyler has not gained a great victory. Maximo Gomez is still alive, and is credited with being even an abler General than Maceo was. Gomez will probably put himself into the place made vacant by the loss of Maceo, and continue the campaign without a break. But even if both Maceo and Gomez were removed, the war for independence would go on. There are many other able men who would spring into the saddles made vacant and push the fight to the bitter end.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Tip—I hear old Snagsby left a cool million behind.

Nip—How else could he keep it cool.—*Truth.*

— He—Would your mother let you go to the theatre without a chaperone?

She—Not unless I was engaged.—*Brooklyn Life.*

— "Speaking of the noble game of poker," said Mr. Hicarde, "the only way to lay anything up is to know when to lay down."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

— I hear, Rustly, that yet sat in a game and had four aces beaten. What did the other fellow hold?"

"A bobtail flush and a six-shooter."—*Detroit Free Press.*

— "I've quit selling bicycles on the installment plan," said the dealer to an applicant.

"Why's that?"

'Our machine is of such a superior quality that we are never able to catch the fellows that owe us."—*Detroit Free Press.*

— She—Charlie, the engagement ring you gave has "E. C." engraved on it. I hope you were never engaged before.

He—Never, darling. "E. C." stands for—um—er—well, that means eighteen carat.—*Tit Bits.*

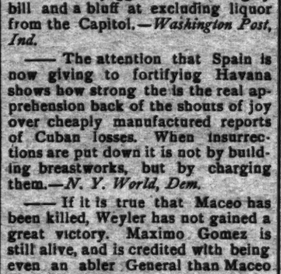
— "I am really delighted at the interest my boy Tommy is taking in his writing," said Mrs. Hickleby. "He spends two hours a day at it."

"Really? How did you get him to do it?"

"Oh, I told him to write me out a list of everything he wanted for Christmas, and he's still at it."—*Harper's Bazar.*

"DR. MILES,

Through His Nervine Is a Benefactor to Thousands."



A WIDELY known Wisconsin publisher, who resides at Green Bay, writes March 6th, 1895, as follows:

"Five years ago I became so nervous that mental work was a burden. I could not rest at night on account of sleeplessness. My attention was called to Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine, and I commenced to use it with the very best effect. Since then I have kept a bottle in my house and use it whenever my nerves become unstrung, with always the same good results. My son also takes it for nervousness with like never failing success. I have recommended it to many and it cures them. All who suffer from nerve troubles should try it. It is free from narcotics, perfectly harmless, and yet soothes and strengthens. Dr. Miles, through his Nervine is a benefactor to thousands." A. C. LEHMAN.

Dr. Miles' Nervine Restores Health.....

Editor and proprietor of DER LANDSMAN.

Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold on guarantee first bottle will benefit or money refunded. Pain has no show with Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

No morphine or opium in Dr. Miles' PAIN PILLS Cure All Pain. "One cent a dose."

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Kinston *Free Press*: The farmers of this section have harvested a much larger cotton crop than they hoped for some time ago—much better than they hoped to expect. The Fall was fine for developing all the bolls.

— Wilkesboro *Chronicle*: This seems to be a good year for pork. People have generally raised more meat this year than common. They have generally paid better attention to their porkers and as a result it is common to hear of a 300 or 400 pounder.

— Gastonia *Gazette*: The Modena directors held a meeting Tuesday afternoon and declared the usual semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent., payable the 1st of January. Another row of looms was ordered to be added in order to weave all the product of the spindles.

— Winston *Sentinel*: In Lewis Fork township, Wilkes county, last Sunday, Nathan Bolden and Will Wyatt got into a fight and weapons were used. During the melee a pistol was fired with fatal effect. Jordan Wyatt, who was standing off some distance, was the victim, the ball striking him in the head. He died that night. Wyatt was a peaceful man and highly respected. He was about 50 years old.

— Sanford *Express*: The people of Harnett county got a taste of negro rule last week when a white man was placed on trial at Lillington before a coal black negro magistrate. — The *Express* is told that 3,300 rabbits were marketed at Siler City last Friday and Saturday by the country people, who literally raked them up out of the snow. They were dressed, packed up and shipped to the Northern markets, where they brought good prices. Several thousand pounds of dressed rabbits were transferred here since the snow.

— Concord *Times*: A former Concord young man, Rufus L. Patterson, has invented a machine for packing and labelling tobacco that is almost human in its working. It receives tobacco in granulated form through its feed tubes, weighs the tobacco automatically and accurately packs it into bags, affixes the necessary revenue stamp and trade labels and turns out the finished packages at a rapid rate. In the whole performance the assistance of only two persons is necessary, one to place the bags over the strings and the other to tie the strings. One of the machines will do the work of eleven persons.

— Raleigh *Press Visitor*: State Geologist Holmes left to-day for Granville and Vance where the rich gold finds have been reported. He will make an investigation and his reports will be looked forward to with much interest. —The penitentiary, it is stated, is this year self-sustaining. The Legislature appropriated $30,000 as an emergency fund, but of this only $5,000 was drawn and this will be returned to the State Treasury this month. — The Attorney General says the magistrated elected by the people do not qualify until the first Monday in next August. He also says the failure of officers elected in counties to file a statement of expenses forfeits the office and the clerk must fill the vacancief after August 1st in case of magistrates.

Why not profit by the experience of others who have found a permanent cure for catarrh in Hood's Sarsaparilla? †

Aping Things American.

Human nature is imitative, and in all countries prone to ape customs and things foreign. An American writer in London declares that Americans are no more given to aping things English than are Englishmen to aping things American. This writer recently found a London swell strutting in one of the parks with an American corncob pipe in his mouth. It was soon all the rage, and the smoke of this cheap American article has probably gone up in many a fashionable club. One of these swells, being reminded that corncobs were smoked by common folks in America, replied satirically, "But, then, 'tis American, doncher know!" Smoking American cigarettes has also become a swell fad in England, and if one is fishing for a "Thanks, most awfully, my dear fellow," he has to but offer one to an English snob, with the supplementary remark, "What delicious 'baccy!" thrown in.—Boston Globe.

Kilkenny Cats.

"To fight like Kilkenny cats" recalls the hiring of Hessians to suppress the great insurrection in Ireland. These German soldiers had a brutal sport, consisting of catching a couple of cats, tying their tails together, throwing them across a clothesline and allowing them to tear one another to pieces. A Hussar regiment was stationed in Kilkenny, and the sport, becoming known to the officers, was forbidden. One day the soldiers were surreptitiously indulging in it in their barracks, when the step of the officer of the day was heard, and a Hussar, hastily drawing his sword, slashed at the cats, cutting off their tails and releasing them. The mutilated creatures hastily vanished through the nearest window, and when the officer entered and demanded an explanation of the severed tails it was suavely explained to him that two cats had been fighting and had eaten each other up, all but the tails.

Actor Roberts and His Doctor.

"I am glad to find that you are better," said Mr. Arthur Roberts' doctor to that famous comedian upon paying him a professional visit one morning. "You followed my prescription, of course?"

"Indeed I did not, doctor," retorted Arthur Roberts, "or I should have broken my neck."

"Broken your neck!" exclaimed the doctor in amazement.

"Yes," said Roberts, "for I threw your prescription out of the window."—London Answers.

Usually Effective.

"Sometimes," said the merchant, "I feel like the poet who wanted a lodge in some vast wilderness. I yearn for solitude and silence."

"Well," replied his friend sympathetically, "it's an expensive taste to gratify. But you might start in by taking your advertisement out of the newspapers."—Washington Star.

Improving.

"There," said the mother. "Don't you feel better?"

And the little boy whose trousers had just been patched remarked as he sat down, "I think I am on the mend."—Indianapolis Journal.

Quite Different.

Alice—Did you say her home is richly furnished?

Clara—I said it was furnished at great expense.—Brooklyn Life.

FROM MY WINDOW.

I opened my window and leaned far out and looked down on the misty, damp desolation. Gray mist was everywhere—gray mist and thin, soft, silent rain, rain that did not fall in round drops, but floated through the air and crept along the sides of the houses and through the narrow passages and down the broad streets. Rain and mist everywhere. A city of damp desolation below me. The river I could faintly see—black and cold. I could even hear the sound of its outgoing waters—a gurgling, chuckling, crunching sound. They sang a mirthless, monotonous song. A barge swept past. One tall, solitary figure was at the helm. He stood alone on the dank flatboat, motionless, silhouetted against the gray mist. He, too, was part of the scheme of desolation.

In the street, beneath my window, a barrel organ began to play a music hall tune. Two children appeared and commenced dancing. One had a red frock, but no stockings. The other had stockings, but no frock—only a petticoat that once upon a time might have been white. They danced, and the mud flew from under their feet and the rain mist wandered amid their rags. They danced, and the organ grinder turned the handle of his organ with fascinating regularity.

When he had finished his stock of tunes, he wheeled his barrel of sound away. No one had given him anything, but probably he did not think of that. He went from street to street day by day, ground forth his 12 tunes, and if pennies were thrown him he picked them up, and if pennies were not thrown him he forgot to expect to pick them up.

He moved away, and the child with the stockings followed him. The child without the stockings remained standing in the mud. I then threw her a coin. She looked at it where it fell. Then she looked up at me. She looked at the coin again and picked it up and wiped it on her dress. The street was empty. She and the gray rain mist were alone. She stood in the mud, the coin in her hand, and gazed up at me. I beckoned her to come to me, but she did not move, so I went down and brought her up to my room and placed her in a chair before the fire.

"Are you hungry?"

She shook her head.

"You are very wet!"

She shook her head.

"Are you fond of dancing?"

She nodded her head.

"Where do you live?"

"Anywhere."

"Where's your mother?"

"Nowhere."

I lit a cigarette. She drew nearer the fire.

"Where are you going?"

"To the pantomime—to dance."

"When?"

"Termorrer."

"What are you—a fairy?"

"No—han evil speret."

"Who was the girl with you just now?"

"Sister."

"Does she dance in the pantomime?"

"Yes."

"What is she?"

"Nother hevil speret."

"What are you going to do when you grow up?"

"Darnce."

"Always?"

"Yes."

She would not talk any more, but she crouched before the fire, staring at the red coals and seeing things there that were hidden from me. I went to bed at 11 and left her before the fire, still gazing into the burning embers. When I looked for her in the morning, she was gone. Two months later I saw her in the pantomime. She was an evil spirit. Three years passed, and I saw her again, dancing in a large west end theater.

Four years later I stood looking out from my window, and I thought of the evening of seven years ago. Again there were the gray rain mist and the damp desolation everywhere. Again there passed the low, flat barge, with the solitary figure at the helm motionless. The waters sang their mirthless, monotonous song. The organ grinder ground forth his 12 stock tunes. But the two children did not dance in the mud. I stood looking down into the desolate street. And I saw a woman walking slowly toward the river. She had a red dress on. She stopped beneath my window and looked up. I beckoned to her to come to me. She came.

I placed a chair before the fire for her.

"It was seven years ago!"

"Yes. Why do you remember?"

"So you have danced?"

"Yes, I have danced."

"You have been successful?"

"Yes."

"Then why"—

"I don't know. I danced, and then I hurt my ankle and had to give it up, and then slster died, and then"—

"Yes, I see, and then"—

"And then—But it's finished now."

"It was silly to begin."

"Yes, it was silly to begin. I came here, but the windows were shut. So"—

"So— What did you come here for?"

"I remembered that night."

"Why?"

"I don't know."

She would not talk any more, but sat and gazed into the red gold fire and saw things there that were hidden from me. At 11 o'clock I went to bed and left her still dreaming before the red gold fire. And the next morning she was gone. I opened my window and leaned far out. The sun was shining, and I heard the birds singing amid the embankment trees.

And the barge swept up the river, returning from its journey. At the helm I thought I saw two figures—but it may have been only fancy—a man and the figure of something that ought to have been a woman. And I heard the waters singing, not their chuckling, monotonous song, but a new song, a mirthless, silent, soundless song, like the song of an evil spirit.—Sketch.

Experience Had Been Her Teacher.

Mrs. Bowline had a tussle with that "gentlemanly peddler" who did College street so brown. He rang the bell and said, "Do you admit gentlemanly peddlers?"

"No, I don't," said Mrs. Bowline. "We don't admit nobody but tramps and dogs, and we don't want no furniture polish, young man."

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Mrs. Bowline, who is 53 and rather fine looking, was up to his game.

"No, you can't," said she. "My mother is busy learning the two-step, but grandmamma and grandpapa are in. They are busy just now, because they are dressing my older sister for the children's party this afternoon, but perhaps you can see them."

He didn't care to see the family.—Lewiston Journal.

That Was All.

A young girl who is always trying some new thing was present once when the doctor set a neighbor's broken arm. She was sure that she knew exactly how it was done and rather anxious to put her new knowledge into practice. Some time later a hen out in the chicken yard broke its leg. The girl directly announced that she meant to set it "and make it as good as new." Accordingly it was put into a plaster cast and left for the proper length of time to knit. When the day came to take off the cast, the girl ran out to the henhouse in great eagerness to see the result. Presently there was a scream that brought every member of the family to her side. The chicken was jumping miserably over the ground sidewise instead of directly forward. You know a hen's leg has a crook. Well, she had crooked it the wrong way, that was all.—New York Times.

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December 15, Tuesday, M. P., Farmville, Emanuel.

December 16 Wednesday, E. P., Hamilton, S. Martin's.

December 17, Thursday, Com., Hamilton, S. Martin's.

December 18, Friday, E. P., Winston, S. John's.

December 19, Saturday, Com., Winston, S. John's.

December 20, Sunday, 4th in Advent, Murfreesboro, S. Barnabas.

December 25, Christmas, Woodville, Bertie county, Grace.

December 27, Sunday after Christmas, M. P., Roxobel, S. Mark's.

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BAGGING—			
2 lb Jute		@	6
Standard		@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ₩ lb	13	@	14
1 lbs ₩ lb	6	@	7
Shoulders ₩ lb	5	@	6¼
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ₩ lb	4½	@	4¾
Shoulders ₩ lb	4	@	4¼
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New York, each	1 30	@	1 40
New City, each		@	1 40
BEESWAX ₩ lb	23	@	24
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ₩ M	8 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ₩ lb	15	@	
Northern	23	@	
CORN MEAL—			
Per Bushel, in sacks	40	@	42½
Virginia Meal	40	@	42½
COTTON TIES—₩ bundle		@	1 20
CANDLES—₩ lb—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	9	@	10
CHEESE—₩ lb—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream	11	@	12
State		@	10
COFFEE—₩ lb—			
Laguyra	20	@	
Rio	10	@	16
DOMESTICS—			
Shooting, 4-4, ₩ yard		@	5¾
Yarns, ₩ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—₩ dozen	17	@	17
FISH—			
Mackerel, No 1, ₩ barrel	22 00	@	23 00
Mackerel, No 1, ₩ half-barrel	11 00	@	11 50
Mackerel, No 2, ₩ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No 2, ₩ half-barrel	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No 3, ₩ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ₩ barrel	3 00	@	3 25
Mullets, ₩ pork barrel	2 75	@	3 50
W. C. Roe Herring, ₩ box	3 00	@	3 50
Dry Cod, ₩ lb	5	@	10
Scale	3 25	@	3 50
FLOUR—₩ barrel—			
Low grade	2 25	@	2 75
Choice	3 25	@	3 50
Straight	3 75	@	4 00
Patent	4 25	@	4 50
First Patent	4 65	@	5 00
GLUE—₩ lb	7½@		8¼
GRAIN—₩ bushel—			
Corn, from store	48½@		50
Corn, cargo, in bulk—White		@	50
Corn, cargo, in bags—White	50	@	50½
Oats, from store	30	@	35
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	45
Cow Peas	65	@	80
HIDES—₩ lb—			
Green		@	6
Dry		@	8
HAY—₩ 100 lbs—			
Eastern		@	1 00
Western		@	90
North River		@	85
HOOP IRON—₩ lb	5	@	5½
LARD—₩ lb—			
Northern	5½@		6¼
North Carolina	5	@	5½
LIME—₩ barrel		@	1 25
LUMBER(at y ard)—₩ M feet—			
Ship, hard, reserved	18 00	@	2000
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, common	15 00	@	22 00
Scant'g and Board, common	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ₩ gallon—			
New Crop Cuba, in hhds		@	32
" in bbls		@	35
Porto Rico, in hhds	28	@	30
" in bbls		@	35
Sugar-House, in hhds	23	@	24
" in bbls	14	@	15
Syrup, in bbls	15	@	18
NAILS, ₩ keg, Cut 10d basis		@	2 10
PORK, ₩ barrel—			
City Mess	8 75	@	9 00
Rump		@	8 00
Prime		@	7 50
ROPE, ₩ lb	10	@	11
SALT, ₩ sack, Alum		@	85
Liverpool		@	90
Ashton		@	85
Amelsea		@	85
On 100 ₩ Sacks	40	@	45
Common Fine	3 00	@	3 25
Coarse	2 50	@	2 75
SUGAR, ₩ lb—Standard Grans		@	5¾
Standard A		@	5¾
White Ex. C		@	5¾
Extra C, Golden	4	@	5¾
C, Yellow		@	5¾
SOAP, ₩ lb—Northern	3½@		5
STAVES, ₩ M—W. O. barrel	5 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ₩ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	5 00	@	6 00
Common Mill	4 00	@	4 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 50
TALLOW, ₩ lb	3	@	4
WHISKEY, ₩ gallon	1 20	@	1 25
North Carolina	1 00	@	1 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE December 14.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained, and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1 10 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Quiet. Hard 1.40, Yellow Dip 1.90, and Virgin 1.80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine 25½@30c; rosin, strained, $1 85; good strained $1 40; tar $1 00; crude turpentine $1 10, 1 50, 1 60.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	109
Rosin	1,169
Tar	805
Crude Turpentine	35

Receipts same day last year—89 casks spirits turpentine, 209 bbls rosin, 347 bbls tar, 19 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market dull on a basis of 6¾c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 6-16 cts	₩ lb
Good Ordinary	6¾	" "
Low Middling	6 6-16	" "
Middling	6¾	" "
Good Middling	7 1-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 8c.

Receipts—1,979 bales; same day last year 993.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60@65c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 60@65c; Fancy, 65@70c.

CORN.—Firm; 38 to 40 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@75 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 6 to 11½c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2 25; six inch $2.50 to 3.50; seven inch; $3.50 to 5.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to 7.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 14—Evening.—Money on call to-day was easy at 1¼@2 per cent; last loan at 1¼ per cent, closing offered at 1¼ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was firmer, with actual business in bankers bills 488¼@488¾ for sixty days and 486¾@487 for demand. Commercial bills 483¼@483¾. Government bonds dull; United States coupon fours 110½; United States twos 96½; State bonds quiet; North Carolina fours 103; North Carolina sixes 123. Railroad bonds weak.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was neglected.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 14—Evening.—Cotton quiet; middling 7¼c.

Cotton futures—market closed steady; December 6 75, January 6 79, February 6 86, March 6 95, April 7 00, May 7 07, June 7 11, July 7 15, August 7 17. Sales 431,900 bales.

Cotton—net receipts — bales; gross 8,545 bales; exports to Great Britain 3,770 bales; to France 1,640 bales; to the Continent 4,145 bales; forwarded 1,963 bales; sales 643 bales; sales to spinners 45 bales; stock 945,785 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 33 440 bales; exports to Great Britain 4,610 bales; to France 1,650 bales; to the Continent 28,157 bales; stock 1,318,168 bales.

Total so far this week—Net receipts 113,176 bales; exports to Great Britain 49,295 bales; to France 1,650 bales; to the Continent 49,984 bales.

Total since September 1—Net receipts 4,171,093 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,514,295 bales; exports to France 344,144 bales; exports to the Continent 893,154 bales.

Flour was dull and steady at prices; winter wheat, low grades $3 20@3 80; fair to fancy $3 35@4 75; do patents $4 90@5 25; Minnesota clear $3 50@4 00; patents $4 25@5 05; low extra $3 20@3 80; Southern flour was dull and steady; common to fair extra $3 00@3 55; good to choice $3 55@3 85. Wheat—spot dull and firmer with options; ungraded red 80@99½c; No. 1 Northern 90¾c; options opened weak at ¾@¾c decline, rallied 1¾@1¾c, closed firm at 1@1¾c over Saturday: No. 2 red December 88¾c; January 88¾c; March 90c; May 87¼c; July 82¼c. Corn—spot dull and firm; No. 2, 39c at elevator and 30c afloat; ungraded mixed 34¾c; yellow 37¾c; options were dull, firm and steady at unchanged prices and without features; December 29c; January 29¾c; May 31¾c. Oats—spot dull but steady; options easier and dull; December 23¼c; January 23¾c; February 23¾c; spot—No. 2, 22¾c; No. 3 white 25¾c; mixed Western 23@24. Lard quiet and firmer; Western steam $4 20; city $3 75, December $4 18; refined quiet; Continent $4 40; South America $4 75; compound $4 07½@4 50. Pork firm; new mess $8 25@8 75. Butter was quiet, lower and unsettled; State dairy 11@19c; do, creamery 14@20c; Western creamery —c; Elgins 21c. Eggs quiet and weak; State and Pennsylvania 18@20; ice house 16@19c; Western fres

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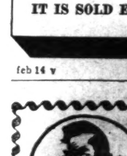

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Hears the patter of your feet,
Where the rainbowed shadows meet,
Flossidero!
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With rare ribbons dreaming, beaming, brightly gleaming,
Flossidero!
In the starlight streaming, streaming
On that glorious rose victorious at your white throat,
Flossidero!
Are you phantom, are you fay,
From a land where Love hath sway?
You have stolen my heart away,
Flossidero!
Flossidero!

Bells are ringing, lights are swinging, birds are singing,
Flossidero!
And a drowning soul is clinging
To a rose leaf quivering, shivering at your white feet,
Flossidero!
Thank God, 'tis fallen there
From a storm of golden hair,
And 'tis mine to weep, to wear,
Flossidero!
Flossidero!

—Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

A Bootblack's Scheme.

Men with muddy shoes who won't get them shined are to bootblacks what a red flag is to a bull—darned exasperating. The other day a portly, prosperous looking man got on a Hoboken ferryboat in the middle of the afternoon when travel was light. His shoes evidently had come in contact with a soft, juicy mudhole some hours before. The bootblack spotted him at once and tackled him vigorously. "Shine 'em, boss; five cent?" was asked several times in the next two minutes, but each time there was a shake of the head. The "shiner" wandered away, but returned a moment later.

"Shine 'em, boss; only dree cent?" he asked this time, with no better result. Further reduction to two cents and then one were of no avail.

Stung to desperation by the persistent refusals, and perhaps overcome by a deep professional interest, the bootblack finally said:

"Shine 'em for nothin, boss!" This time the man with the muddy shoes assented.

The next three minutes a deep silence reigned, while the boy rubbed away at the left shoe till it reflected his face almost as well as a mirror. When he had finished that shoe, he jumped up and ran away.

"Come back here, you rascal!" yelled the man, "and finish your job."

Keeping a safe distance away, the bootblack replied, "Shine one shoe for nothin, two shoe ten cent."

There seemed to be no other way out of it, and the man paid the ten cents for the right shoe, forgetting that he could have had it shined for five as soon as he got off the boat. It's an old trick, but it worked this time to perfection.—New York Press.

Amicable Relations Resumed.

A young man in San Francisco and a young lady in San Jose were for a time very much in love with each other, and during that period each wrote the other a two pound letter every day weighted down to the limit with kisses and expressions of love. But they quarreled a couple of weeks ago.

"Send back my letters," she wrote.

"Return mine first," he replied.

"If you had been a gentleman, you would not have waited for me to demand their return," wrote she.

"Ethics for the use of women only don't go," he responded.

Then there came a pause in their correspondence. The young man wanted his letters very badly, for he knew he had made a fool of himself in every line of every letter. The young lady wanted hers because any one would think she was crazy to fall in love with such a brute.

"Send my letters on April 5, and I'll send yours the same date, so we will both get them at the same time," wrote he.

"All right," she answered.

Each waited to see if the other would really act in good faith and send the letters, so neither received them.

"A man who has so little regard for his word," etc., wrote she.

"A woman who would deliberately attempt such a confidence game," etc., responded he.

There was another pause in the correspondence, during which both tried to devise some way of effecting an exchange. The idea of a third party occurred to both, but was abandoned. The intermediary might read the letters. Finally the young man decided to go after them. He effected the exchange, and now the correspondence has been resumed.

"You know, dear little sweetheart, that I was just teasing you," wrote he.

"You horrid boy, to treat me so. I have a notion never to love you again," answered she, and there will soon be another stack of two pound letters to exchange.—San Francisco Post.

Clearly Slanderous.

"I hardly know whether to feel aggrieved or not," said the ancient one. "Mr. Talcott told me I was a true daughter of Eve."

"What impudence!" said the sweet young thing. "You don't look to be more than a granddaughter of Eve at the very utmost."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

MRS. YOUNGWIFE'S ECONOMY.

Also Her Views About the Financial Knowledge of Her Husband.

The other day Mrs. Youngwife came in to borrow the mucilage. Mrs. Youngwife had written a letter, put her last stamp on the envelope and then addressed it wrong.

"I was so provoked," she said, "and I made up my mind I'd save that stamp if it took me all the afternoon. I've been at it an hour, but I got it off. Don't you think I'm economical?"

Some one suggested that there was a saying about a penny saved was as good as two earned, but there was another saying about "penny wise, pound foolish."

"Ah!" said Mrs. Youngwife. "That's my husband! He is always complaining about the size of our bills. He said to me this morning: 'What do you do with all the coal? Do you eat it?' I assured him I didn't, but what do you think he does? He comes home Saturday night with $2 or $3 worth of the most expensive fruit, which spoils before we can eat it. They make him pay $1 a dozen for oranges and tell him they are from Spain. They are no more from Spain than I am! But so it goes!

"The other day he met an old acquaintance down town. They hadn't seen each other since we have been married.

"'Well,' said the man to my husband, 'have you a good boarding place now?'

"'Just fair,' said my husband.

"'Cheap?' asked his friend.

"'Umph! Not exactly!' said my husband.

"'Where is it?' asked his friend.

"'Up near Sixty-fifth street and Tenth avenue,' said my husband.

"'How much do you pay?' asked his friend.

"'Well, it costs me about $150 a month,' said my husband.

"'Great Scott! Are you crazy?' said his friend. 'Up near Sixty-fifth street and near Tenth avenue! And it costs you $150 a month! Why, what in heaven's name makes you do it?'

"'I'm married!' said my husband.

"'Oh!' was all his friend said."—New York Sun.

FRESH WATER UNDER THE SEA.

Obtained by Divers From Springs Overlaid by Salt Water.

The hottest region on the earth's surface is on the southwestern coast of Persia, on the border of the Persian gulf. For 40 consecutive days in the months of July and August the mercury has been known to stand above 100 degrees in the shade, night and day, and to run up as high as 130 degrees in the afternoon. At Bahrein, in the center of the most torrid part of this most torrid belt, as though it were nature's intention to make the place as unbearable as possible, water from wells is something unknown. Great shafts have been sunk to a depth of 100, 200, 300, and even 500 feet, but always with the same result—no water.

This serious drawback notwithstanding, a comparatively numerous population contrives to live there, thanks to copious springs which burst from the bottom of the gulf more than a mile from the shore. The water from these springs is obtained in a most curious and novel manner. Machadores (divers), whose sole occupation is that of furnishing the people of Bahrein with the life giving fluid, repair to that portion of the gulf where the springs are situated and bring away with them hundreds of bags full of the water each day. The water of the gulf where the springs burst forth is nearly 200 feet deep, but these machadores manage to fill their goatskin sacks by diving to the bottom and holding the mouths of the bags over fountain jets—this, too, without allowing the salt water of the gulf to mix with it. The source of these submarine fountains is thought to be in the hills of Osmond, 400 or 500 miles away. Being situated at the bottom of the gulf, it is a mystery how they were ever discovered, but the fact remains that they have been known since the dawn of history.—Public Opinion.

Glimmerings of a Future Life.

It is easy to suppose circumstances which would produce the conviction in all rational human beings that there is a "future life," between which and ours there is intercommunication. Let us take as a type a form of "apparition" that is visible and vocally audible, but not tangible, that cannot produce changes in ordinary physical objects, that cannot be photographed, whose audibility and visibility, whether telepathic or not, are at least not dependent on our present normal senses.

Let us now suppose that immediately after death such an apparition of the deceased was invariably seen and heard; that it affirmed itself to be the deceased; that it exhibited such knowledge as the deceased possessed while inhabiting the ordinary organism, and so on; that it affirmed itself to be still "living" under very different conditions, most of which were alleged to be inexplicable to us in terms of our present environment. Let us suppose that arrangements for meetings could be made with the apparition; that the apparition, except perhaps for its occasional disappearance for hours or days, explained by the necessity of fulfilling certain duties in its new sphere, behaved in general, as regards recognition by living persons and its rational and social relations with them, much as an ordinary living person does, the main exception being that he is not embodied like us. Were the case like this, I make no doubt whatever that the human race would be possessed by a belief in the survival after death, which would be regarded as barely less certain than the belief in their present embodied existence.—Professor Richard Hodgson in Forum.

Grant's Offer to General Pickett.

We all criticised Grant for that drastic war measure of his by which he discontinued the exchange of prisoners, but he certainly behaved very handsomely to Lee and Lee's troops at Appomattox. And when he became president he was kind in giving places to ex-Confederates. Longstreet himself profited by Grant's friendship in that way. Grant offered to make General Pickett a United States marshal for one of the Virginia districts, but Pickett declined the office, telling Grant that as popular as Grant was with the people, he (Grant) could not afford to make such an appointment. This was as much to say that Pickett could not change his affiliations, and that for him not to do so would be to injure Grant in the view of the northern public. President Davis spoke very kindly indeed of General Grant in a letter published about the time of Grant's death. Indeed, Grant stands far higher in the estimation of southern veterans than any other general of the war on the northern side.—Richmond Dispatch.

The Code of Patches.

The old code explaining the significance of a patch on a certain part of the face was as follows: The "impassioned" patch was fixed at the corner of the eye, the "gallant" in the middle of the cheek, the "receleuse," or receiver of stolen goods, on a spot or pimple; the "effrontee," or bold faced, on the nose, and the "coquette" on the lips. A round patch was called "the assassin." The great Masillon preached a sermon in which he anathematized patches. The effect produced by his discourse was rather unexpected; patches were worn in greater number than ever and known as mouches de Masillon.—New York World.

Gibraltar as a Strategic Point.

Gibraltar (about 1,000 miles from England) is of immense importance as being the great watch tower from which the movements of warships can be observed and telegraphed as they pass into and out of the Mediterranean sea. Moreover, situated as it is near the flank of our trade routes both to the Cape and to the West Indies and South America, it is the point at which vessels would naturally call for news, orders, coal and protection during the continuance of a war. When you consider that in every second of time 20 tons of shipping go out or come into our home ports, and that, as a matter of fact, the stream is continuous and never ceases, and that the value of the sea borne trade of the British empire is calculated at £930,000,000, of which about £350,000,000 neither comes to nor goes from the United Kingdom, it seems difficult to exaggerate the value of the fortress of Gibraltar or to realize the congestion of British shipping which might seek its protection in war. It has at present no drydock. Its garrison consists of seven companies of artillery, four companies of engineers and three battalions of infantry. It is the meeting place of our Channel and Mediterranean squadrons. The roads do not afford safe anchorage in all winds, and an enemy could conceivably shell them if he mounted heavy guns on Spanish soil.—National Review.

Anthony Hope.

Anthony Hope may be seen entering a gloomy house in Buckingham street, Strand, every morning at 10 o'clock. Here all his writing is done. He changes his coat for a smoking jacket, lights a pipe and settles down with a laudable desire to work. If the spirit does not move him to write, however, he glances through his letters, reads the papers or takes up the latest novel till he is able to concentrate his thoughts on the work he intends to do. He writes moderately quickly, especially when incident and dialogue flow freely. When he is sketching a character or describing scenery, his pen moves slower. About the latter, however, he does not trouble himself much. A rocky mountain, with forest, valleys and river, is generally sufficient. He lunches at his club or has a meal sent to him from a neighboring restaurant, afterward taking an easy time, usually spending an hour or two on his sofa smoking and thinking. During the afternoon he gets in another spell of work before sauntering home along the Strand.—London Letter.

Difficulties of Carnation Culture.

Luck is not a reliable factor in the difficult problem of carnation culture. It demands exhaustive knowledge of the habits, requirements and diseases of the plant, unceasing watchfulness, and unremitting labor the year through. Even when all is done that seems possible to merit success, the grower is liable to the exasperation of finding that particular varieties, upon which he may have based his most sanguine expectations, obstinately refuse to flourish under his care. Almost every carnation culturist knows varieties that he "simply cannot raise," and neither he nor anybody else can tell the reason why. Of course there must be something lacking in soil, water, air or treatment which they require, but it seems as if they were capable of taking offense at him or his surroundings and preferred death, or at least unproductive life, to endurance of the association.—Scribner's.

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	3 00	Lv...Mulberry street...Ar	12 40	
7 00	3 15	Lv...Navy Street...Ar	12 20	3 05
9 30		Ar...Jacksonville...Lv		12 05
11 05	5 30	Lv" " Ar	10 40	10 30
11 50	6 00	Lv...Maysville...Lv	10 00	9 50
12 30	6 44	Lv...Pollocksville...Lv	9 20	9 10
1 30	7 50	Ar...Newbern...Lv	8 30	8 10
	P M		A M	

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DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.35 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 0.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.52 p m, Weldon 12.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.30 a m, Richmond 4.30 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.23 a m, New York 2.05 p m, Boston 6.30 p m.

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DAILY 8.25 P M — No. 35—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.32 p m, Chadbourn 5.04 p m, Marion 6.05 p m, Florence 6.45 p m, Sumter 8.27 p m, Columbia 9.50 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 6.00 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.30 p m, Savannah 12.50 a m, Jacksonville 7.00 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 4.35 p m.

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DAILY 9.30 a m — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12.00 a m, New York 9.00 a m, Philadelphia 12.00 p m, Baltimore 2.25 p m, Washington 5.40 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.12 p m, †Norfolk 5.30 p m, Weldon 9.44 p m, †Tarboro 8.00 p m, Rock Mount 8.40 a m, leave Wilson 9.15 a m, Goldsboro 7.00 a m, Warsaw 7.51 a m, Magnolia 8.08 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.35 p m — No. 36—Passenger—Leave Tampa 7.40 a m, Sanford 1.45 p m, Jacksonville 7.10 p m Savannah 12.10 night, Charleston 5.50 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.25 p m, Denmark 4.37 p m, Sumter 7.19 a m,, Florence 8.50 a m, Marion 9.34 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.05 a m.

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Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.38 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.03 p m, Greenville 6.57 p m, Kinston 7.50 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 a m, Greenville 8.30 a m. Arriving Halifax at 11.00a m, Weldon 11.30 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Parmele 8.50 a m and 3.40 p m; returning leaves Parmele 9.50 a m and 6.30 p m, arrives Washington 11.25 a m and 7.90 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.40 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.47 a m., Arrive Tarboro 9.50 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 a m; arrives Smithfield N. C., 8.37 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10.25 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.20 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 6 a m, Nashville 6.35 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 7.05 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.10 a m and 6.15 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.00 a m, and 2.00 p m.)

Florence Railroad leave Fee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 40 a m, Rowland 10 05 a m, returning leaves Rowland 5.35 p m, arrives Dillon 5.50 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Fee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m; leave Conway 2 20 p m, Chadbourn 4.30 p m, arrive Hub 6.40 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence 8 55 a m, 9 40 a m and 3 20 p m, arrive Darlington 9 26 a m, 10 09 a m and 3 50 p m, leave Darlington 9 31 a m and 10 40 a m, arrive Cheraw 10 40 a m and 12 30 p m., leave Cheraw 12 45 p m, arrive Wadesboro 2.25 p m, Returning leave Wadesboro 2.35 p m, arrive Cheraw 4.15 p m, leave Cheraw 4 40 p m and 5 25 p m, arrive Darlington 7.10 p m and 6 01 p m. Leave Darlington 7 45 p m, 6 07 and 9 40 a m, arrive Florence 8.40 p m, 6 56 p m and 8 50 a m. Daily except Sunday. Sunday trains leave Floyds 7 50 a m, Darlington 7 45 a m; arrive Florence 8 10 a m. Returning leaves Florence 9 a m, Darlington 9 30 a m, arrive Floyds 9 40 a m. Trains leave Gibson 6.15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7.40 a m, Sumter 9 38 a m. Returning, leave Sumter 6 45 p m, Darlington 8.35 p m, arrive Bennettsville 9.26 p m, Gibson 9 53 p m.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 37 p m, Manning 6.55 p m, arrive Lanes 7 17 p m, leave Lanes 8.10 a m, Manning 8.05 a m, arrive Sumter 8.35 a m, Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 8.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 1 p m, 8 p m, arrive Lanes 5.25 p m, 5.35 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.05 p m, 11.16 p m, arrive Selma 2.50 p m, Smithfield 3.55 p m, Dunn 4.30 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m. 1.07 a m, Rowland 6.36 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.20 a m, Fayetteville 11.30 a m, 10.30 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.48 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.45 p m, 12.10 p m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 20 a m, Creston 5 21 a m, arrive Denmark 6 20 a m. Returning leave Denmark 6 37 p m, Creston 5 29 p m, Sumter 6 30 p m Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 9 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m. Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m; arrives Creston 5 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.16 a m and 7.56 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.36 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliott 6.56 a m and 8.50 p m.

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Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad

Time Table.

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST.		STATIONS.	GOING WEST.	
2 Passenger Daily—Ex Sunday.			4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	4 00	Goldsboro	11 35	.....
.....	4 15	Kinston	10 55	.....
5 15	5 30	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 27	6 42	Morehead City	8 04	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 30 a. m., and with Southern Railway train 40, leaving Goldsboro 3.00 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 2 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 5.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 5.05 p. m. No. 1 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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No. 1.		No. 2.
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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 15, 1896

LOST AT SEA.

Schooner Amelia P. Schmidt, from Wilmington for Jacmel, Hayti—The Crew Rescued.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 14.—The Clyde Line steamer Saginaw, Capt. Johnson, which arrived this morning from San Domingo and Turk's Island, brought from the latter port Capt. Records, Mate Thompson and five of the crew of the schooner Amelia P. Schmidt, of Bridgeton N. J., which sailed from Wilmington, N. C., November 11th, for Jacmel, Hayti, lumber-laden. Capt. Records reports that on November 30th, at 6 p. m., his ship was run into by an unknown two-masted schooner. Previous to the collision the Schmidt had been leaking slightly. The force of the collision was such that all her masts were carried away and the vessel so badly strained that the leak increased. On December 1st three feet of water were found in the hold, although the pumps were kept constantly going. It was then decided to jettison the deck load of lumber, with the result that the leak decreased slightly. The wind which had been blowing from the northeast for upwards of fourteen days, now gradually increased in force until it blew a gale. The vessel labored heavily, causing the leak to gain rapidly in spite of the efforts of the crew, and in a few hours the schooner became waterlogged. Capt. Records and his crew stood by the vessel until the 5th, when the brig Gabriel, Capt. Mundy, which had been blown from her anchorage at Salt Bay, Turk's Island seventeen days previously during the gale, hove in sight and bore down towards them. A boat was launched and with difficulty, owing to the high sea, they were rescued by the crew of the Gabriel, which then bore up for Turk's Island. On December 8, fifteen miles northwest of Grand Turk, the shipwrecked mariners were transferred to a pilot boat and succeeded in reaching Turk's Island just previous to the sailing of the Saginaw for this port. Before the Schmidt was abandoned it was decided to set her on fire, as she was directly in the track of vessels and would prove very dangerous to navigation.

The Amelia P. Schmidt registered 266 tons, and was built in 1883 at Bridgeton, N. J.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 14.—The *Sun* says: Spot cotton declined ½c, with sales of forty-three bales for spinning; 600 were delivered on contract. Middling uplands 7½c, against 8 9-16c last year; New Orleans and Gulf 7¾c, against 8 13-16c last year.

The trading to-day was active and excited, with frequent and violent fluctuations in price. Indications of an increased movement to the ports led to general selling and prices broke sharply here and in Liverpool. Numerous stop orders were caught on the way, contributing to the weakness. The suspension of John Collins & Sons, and later on of W. D. Rountree & Co., were depressing factors, and the large estimates for New Orleans and Houston to-morrow also combined to weaken the tone. There was a slight rally before the close on buying for Southern and Liverpool account and covering of shorts, but the last prices showed a sharp net loss for the day. The receipts at the ports proved to be even larger than the early estimate, and the total for two days is 80,000 bales larger than in the same time last week.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat Strong and Higher—Corn and Oats Advanced in Sympathy with Wheat—Pork Products Closed Higher.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—The strength displayed by wheat was the surprising feature of the market for that grain to-day. May wheat opened from 80¾@80c, advanced to 82½c, closing at the outside—1¼@1⅜c higher than Saturday. Cash wheat was firm and 1¼c higher.

May corn opened at 25⅝@25⅞c, advanced to and closed at 26@26⅛c—¼@¼c higher than Saturday. Cash corn was steady to ¼c lower.

May oats closed ¼c higher than Saturday. Cash oats were very weak, prices declining ¼@⅜c.

PROVISIONS—A light run of hogs and better prices at the yards conveyed a firm tone to product at the opening. Business was fair. The strength of wheat had a good effect on the provision market later. May pork closed 7½c higher; May lard and ribs each 2½c higher.

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HOOD'S PILLS are the best family cathartic and liver medicine. Gentle, reliable and sure. †

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 14.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 80. Spirits turpentine easy at 36¾@37½c.

CHARLESTON, December 14.—Spirits turpentine firm at —; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; A, B, C, D, E $1 40, F G $1 45, H $1 55, I, $1 60, K $1 65, M $1 80, N $2 00, W G $2 25, W W $2 55.

SAVANNAH, December 14.—Spirits turpentine firm at 34½c bid; sales 153 casks; receipts 483 casks. Rosin closed firm; sales 152 barrels; receipts 3,026 barrels; A, B, C, D, E, F $1 40, G $1 45, H $1 55, I $1 65, K $1 70, M $1 90, N $1 95, W G $2 30, W W $2 60.

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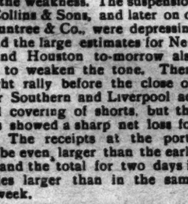

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TO AID THE CUBANS.

VOLUNTEERS MOBILIZING AT ST. LOUIS AND OTHER PLACES.

Women Offering to Go As Nurses—The Cuban Junta Overwhelmed With Offers of Volunteers—A Petition Circulated Among Business Men in New York Urging Congress to Take Action.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 14.—Volunteers for the relief of the Cuban insurgents are being mobilized in this city, and next Friday, if all plans are carried out successfully, 1,000 men will leave New Orleans for Cuba. Two hundred of these are St. Louisians, the remainder coming from East St. Louis and points south of here on the lines of the Illinois Central and Iron Mountain Railroads. Julian VanGerst, of New Orleans, will be in charge of the expedition, with W. C. Carter, J. L. Goodger and Cornelius Knott, of this city, as aides. The quartette met here to-day and completed arrangements. VanGerst and Knott will leave this evening on the Illinois Central, picking up the men on that road as far south as Cairo, and perhaps Memphis, and will then proceed via steamboat to New Orleans.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, December 14.—All the morning a stream of men poured into the rooms of A. DeArango, the local Cuban leader, and volunteered to join the Cuban army. It is estimated that there were one hundred and fifty of them, a large number of them well-dressed young men of good education and apparently good circumstances. They were told that no more men were needed. Eleven women individually offered to go as nurses. The majority bore marks of refinement and some had evidences of wealth. They were advised to write to the Junta, in New York.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 14.—The *Evening Press*, in a guarded editorial, urges soldiers in the United States army here who may be discharged, and others of military training, to join the Cuban insurgent movement. It also suggests that a fund in aid of the Cubans be raised here, and says that one subscription of $100 has already been offered for their cause.

NEW YORK, December 14.—The Cuban Junta in New street had more callers to-day than on any one day since its establishment. Americans to the number of between 700 and 800, nearly enough to constitute a regiment, tramped up stairs and asked that they be enlisted in the army of Cuba Libre. Not one of them was accepted. The laws of the United States prohibit the enlistment of men here for foreign armies. The men who want to fight for the cause for which Maceo died have been so numerous lately that the Cuban leaders have issued to applicants by letter a printed form declining the services of the sympathizers. Delegate Palma received over a score of telegrams to-day from Jacksonville, Key West, Tampa, Dallas, Texas, Paris, France, Hayti and different points in Mexico, stating that meetings were being held for the discussion of the Cuban question and asking for intelligence regarding Maceo's alleged death.

A petition urging Congress to take some definite action in the conflict now being waged between the Cubans and Spaniards and expressing sympathy for the former is now being circulated in this city among merchants and business men and is receiving many signatures.

DALLAS, TEXAS, December 14.—The Cuban situation is the main subject of consideration in this section of Texas. There is almost unanimous feeling, and public sentiment is in favor of the patriots. Dallas is the centre of activity. Two secret meetings were held to-day. It is known that enlistments are secretly being made. To-night the first departure of men from North Texas under recent recruiting was made. Twenty-three recruits, divided in three parts, took rail transportation by different routes for the Gulf coast, eight for Galveston, nine for New Orleans and six for Florida. From these points they will be furnished means for reaching the island and supplied with the best quality of equipment and abundant ammunition. The feeling is intense here against Spain, as the belief is general that Maceo's death was the work of hired assassin, and treachery.

ANXIETY IN WASHINGTON.

Government Officials Watching Filibustering Developments Closely—Determined to Preserve Neutrality in the Cuban Struggle.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—The feeling that has been aroused throughout the country by the reported assassination of Maceo, the Cuban insurgent, is causing the Government officials here no little anxiety and they are watching developments closely. The daily published dispatches giving accounts of meetings throughout this country, in which not only resolutions sympathizing with Cuba are adopted but measures taken to send armed men and munitions of war to Cuba, are receiving strict attention in Government circles here. Even if Government officials did not so closely advise themselves they would not be allowed to remain in ignorance of passing events, as Senor DeLome, the Spanish Minister, has agents at all the principals ports along the Atlantic seaboard and in the larger cities who report to him almost daily, and these reports and their contents are daily laid before the State Department. One thing that can be positively asserted is that the United States will exhaust all their efforts to preserve its neutrality engagements, and thus stop any claim for damages by Spain on account of violation of neutrality laws. It is with this object in view that the vessels Newark and Raleigh left Key West to-day. They have gone to sea to intercept if possible the Three Friends, which is reported to have left Fernandina, Fla., bound, it is alleged, on a filibustering expedition.

Secretary Herbert was asked to-night about the reports that the Newark and Raleigh had left for Havana to prevent the execution of the crew of the Competitor, which had recently been captured by the Spaniards. He said that the vessels had gone to sea so suddenly for the purpose of preventing the neutrality laws of the United States from being violated. He was quite emphatic about the Competitor rumor and said: "In the first place, I know nothing about the expected execution of the crew of the Competitor, therefore have not ordered vessels to Havana to stay their execution."

In other naval quarters it was intimated if such was the intention of the Government, it would amount virtually to a declaration of war to back up such a demand by the presence of war vessels, for if the demands were refused the only alternative left to preserve the dignity of this Government would be to endeavor to enforce the demand at the cannon's mouth.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, Consul General to Cuba, arrived at the Marlboro Hotel, New York, yesterday, accompanied by his wife and daughter. They will leave for Cuba Thursday.

The Modern Mother

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only.

SENATE AND HOUSE.

REPORTED ASSASSINATION OF THE CUBAN GENERAL MACEO

The Text of a Resolution Offered in the Senate—Pension Bills Passed—Holiday Recess—Army Appropriation Bill Reported in the House—Joint Resolution Concerning Cuba Offered by Howard, of Alabama.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, December 14.—The reported assassination of the Cuban General Antonio Maceo, while under a flag of truce, was the text of a resolution offered to-day in the Senate by Mr. Call of Florida, Democrat, and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. The resolution characterizes the affair as a violation of the rules of civilized warfare and as a cowardly act of treachery. It delares the Government which authorized and permitted it, or failed to punish the assassins, "an outcast from the family of nations and from the pale of civilization and public law." The Committee on Foreign Relations is instructed to inquire into the facts and to report to the Senate at an early day.

Another resolution of Mr. Call's, which was similarly referred, requested the President of the United States to demand the release of all United States citizens held by the Spanish Government as prisoners at Ceuta.

Mr. Morgan offered a Cuban resolution, upon which he gave notice he would to-morrow address the Senate.

The Senate then took up the pension calendar and passed fifty-five private pension bills, nearly all of them for increases of pension. Then, after a short executive session the Senate at 3 30 adjourned until to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

By a vote of yeas 98 and nays 85, the House refused to pass over the President's veto a bill granting a pension to the divorced wife of Lowell Taft, of the Eighteenth Regiment, Connecticut volunteers, infantry, who died of alcoholism in a soldiers' home.

A joint resolution was passed providing for a holiday recess from December 23d to January 5th.

Mr. Hull of Iowa, Republican, chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the Army Appropriation bill. He stated that it carries an appropriation of $38,196,844, which is about $766,000 less than the estimates of the Secretary of War and $158,000 below the appropriation for the present year.

A joint resolution recognizing the independence of Cuba was introduced by Mr. Howard, Populist, of Alabama. It recites the profound regret of the American people at the reported "brutal assassination of the Cuban leader Maceo." It declares that Spain is conducting a brutal and guerilla-like warfare against a patriotic people who are struggling for their independence, even as did the founders of this republic. It resolves, therefore, that the United States shall recognize Cuba as a free and independent government, and shall accord to her all such rights in the ports and within the jurisdiction of the United States.

Adjourned.

A CUBAN LEAGUE

Organized in New York City For the Independence of the Island—Many Prominent Men Connected With the Movement.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—The Cuban League of the United States was formally organized in this city this evening. The men behind this movement are so well known and carry so much weight that it is beyond a doubt that this is the beginning of a movement that will take no small part in the history of both countries—having, as it does, the complete independence of Cuba from Spain for its principal object. A League under the same name existed during the ten years' war. Many of the original members of the League were among those who met in Parlor D. R. of the Fifth Avenue Hotel to inaugurate the movement which has for its aim the independence of Cuba. The meeting organized with Col Ethan Allen as president and the following as vice presidents: Charles A. Dana, former Governor Roswell P. Flower, former Postmaster General Thomas M. James, Chauncey M. Depew, John R. Dos Passos, Theodore Roosevelt, former Mayor Thomas Gilroy, ex-Governor of Ohio George Hoadley; J. Edward Simmons and C. H. Dennison. Francis Wayland Glen was elected secretary; Darwin R. Jones treasurer, and the executive committee was made up as follows: John Jacob Astor, Paul Dana, Gen. Daniel Butterfield, Col. Fred D. Grant, Walter Logan, Edwin Wardman, John C. McGuire, R. C. Alexander, Constant A. Andrews, Frank B. Carpenter, John D. Kelley and Thomas E. Stewart.

In opening the meeting Col. Allen read this call:

"We, the undersigned citizens of this Republic, anxious for the success of all people in obtaining the civil and political liberty which this nation secured more than a century ago and still enjoys, unite in organizing the Cuban League of the United States of America.

"The object of this League is to secure for Cuba by all lawful, peaceful and honorable means, the political independence which her patriots are now endeavoring by tremendous sacrifice of treasure and life to gain, to encourage them with our sympathy and moral support and to arouse the whole nation to demand an end of the campaign of murder and destruction in that island.

"Mindful of the help which our fathers received in a similar struggle, we are constrained by a sense of gratitude to return to Cuba the kindness which was so effectively given to us.

"It is apparent to all thoughtful observers that Spain has not the power to crush the Cuban patriots, and therefore the continuance of the cruel struggle in Cuba can only prolong a sense of abasement and humiliation in the minds of all men who are confident that this Republic has the power to end it, and is in honor called upon to do so for the highest good of all parties directly concerned."

This call was signed by all of the men above named. Other prominent signatures attached to it were Generals Howell Clayton, A. B. Hepburn, Silas B. Dutcher, Gen. C. T. Christensen, Col. H. L. Swords, Collins P. Huntington, Louis Windmuller, General Stewart L. Woodford, Col. William L. Brown, General Martin T. McMahon, Hon. Noah Davis, Warner Miller, General Howard Carroll, Dr. A. M. Fernandez de Ybara, Alonzo B. Cornell and about fifty others

In assuming the Presidency Col. Allen called particular attention to the heroic struggle that the Cubans had made against their mother country, and he added that now the Spaniards had departed from the path of honorable warfare and had become murderers and assassins, if the representations of Gen. Maceo's horrible death were true.

Col. Allen predicted that the movement thus started would become historic. "We want to inflame the patriotism and honor of our people," said Col. Allen, "into a torch that will kindle the honest effort of every liberty-loving American, so that this horrible butchery shall cease and the independence of the island of Cuba be an established fact."

A monster mass meeting will be held in Cooper Union next Monday night, when Senator Morgan of the Foreign Relations Committee, and Representative Hitt of the same committee in the House, Speaker Reed and Senator Cullom, of Illinois, will speak.

TEXANS ARE HOT.

GREAT MASS MEETING IN DALLAS—TWO THOUSAND PEOPLE PACK THE AUDITORIUM.

Senator Mills's Resolution, Which Means War With Spain, Wildly Applauded—The Boys Ready to Fight for Cuban Independence.

DALLAS, TEXAS, December 18.—As large a mass meeting as was ever held in Texas on a like occasion was that which met in Dallas at 8 p. m. to-day to express sympathy for the Cuban patriots and for the organization of a permanent "Cuban Aid Association." The meeting was called by the local Cuban committee of safety of twelve. The Auditorium Hall was packed and contained nearly, if not quite, two thousand persons. Andrew Jackson Houston, a son of Sam Houston, the Texas liberator, was chosen president of the meeting and Jas. C. McNealus secretary. Two strong letters were read from Luis Peseo, of Galveston, head of the Cuban Junta in Texas. O. Gilbert, of Corsicana, who served in Company G, Twelfth Iowa Volunteers, from 1861 to 1866, wrote from Corsicana, Texas, that he was ready to raise a regiment to go to Cuba. Wilmser, of Centralia, Illinois, an old Texas boy, who served as a deputy to United States Marshal Nix in the Indian Territory, wrote that he wished to enlist as a soldier for Cuba from Dallas. Tomas Estrada Palma's telegram conceding Maceo's death was read. A communication from U. S. Senator Roger Q. Mills, standing by his resolution in the National Congress, and declaring that it meant war with Spain if necessary, was read and created the wildest enthusiasm. Speeches were made by prominent Texans. Resolutions endorsing the stand taken by Senator Mills were passed by a unanimous vote; also a resolution deploring the death of Antonio Maceo. The Cuban Aid Association of Dallas was permanently organized, more than 400 men putting their names on the roll.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND

Arrived at Georgetown, S. C., on a Gunning Expedition—The Guest of Gen. A. P. Alexander.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 14.—A special dispatch to the *News and Courier* from Georgetown, S. C., says President Cleveland and party, in which are Capt. Robley D. Evans, of the battleship Indiana; Capt. Lamberton, of the Lighthouse Service, and Dr. O'Reilly, the President's physician, arrived here this morning at 6.15 o'clock in the private car "Corono." The party left Washington at 3.15 p. m., coming by the Atlantic Coast Line, and had a most pleasant run down, as the private car in which they came is most luxurious in its appointments. The President and party boarded the United States steamer Wisteria, which was in waiting at the Georgetown & Western Railroad wharves, and left at once for the marshes, where he is the guest of Gen. E. P. Alexander. The United States Government launch Water Lily followed soon after the Wisteria and will serve as mail and dispatch boat for the President while here. The weather is a little warm for good shooting but the indications are that it will change in the next day or two.

BUSINESS FAILURES.

Cotton Brokers and Merchants in New York Succumb to the Pressure.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—W. D. Rountree & Co., cotton brokers, have failed. The firm are members of the Cotton Exchange. Liabilities not ascertained. It is understood that the house has been carrying a fair line of contracts. It is not believed that the failure is a serious one. The house has a branch at Norfolk.

John Collins & Co., cotton merchants, of this city, have just announced their failure. The failure is a small one and the firm expects to be able to pay its creditors in full.

UNITED STATES CRUISERS

Ordered to Intercept the Suspected Filibuster Ing Steamer Three Friends.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

KEY WEST, FLA., December 14.—The Newark came up to the dock to take on a supply of coal. About 12 o'clock orders were given to stop the coaling, when she immediately proceeded to sea. Many rumors are afloat as to her probable destination.

The cruiser Raleigh left this port this afternoon at 4 o'clock. It is rumored that both the Newark and Raleigh have been ordered to intercept the steamer Three Friends which, it is reported, left Fernandina last night with a filibustering expedition to Cuba.

WARM WIRELETS.

Treasury balances: Coin, $121,608,775; currency, $45,799,490.

The Davis Ellis Company, one of the biggest mercantile firms in Mississippi, have filed an assignment, placing assets at $70,000 and liabilities $40,000.

Warren F. Brode, a student at Centenary College, Jackson, La., was seriously injured in a game of foot ball last Thursday and died Sunday from the effects of his injuries.

Rev. William W. Albea died in Winston, N. C., Sunday night, at the age of 86 years. He was the oldest member of the Western North Carolina M. E. Conference. He was also the oldest Mason and Odd Fellow in the State.

Yesterday morning fire broke out in Lee Hotel, Floyd Courthouse, Va., and before the flames could be staved some twenty houses in the centre of the town were destroyed. Loss between $30,000 and $40,000; insurance, $9,000.

The banking house of J. A. Prickett & Son, of Edwardsville, Ill., has made an assignment. The causes assigned are heavy cash withdrawals and the long-continued illness of the senior partner. The assets and liabilities are not stated.

The attorneys for Jackson and Walling, condemned murderers, will ask the Kentucky Court of Appeals for thirty days' time in which to file petitions for a re-hearing. The date of the execution will not be fixed until after January 1st.

The trial of John D. Hart, who is under indictment on the charge of aiding in a Cuban filibustering expedition on the steamer Laurada, in the United States District Court at Philadelphia, has been postponed until the February term.

The sixteenth Annual Convention of the American Federation of Labor assembled at Odd Fellows Temple, Cincinnati, yesterday. It is the largest in number and most important meeting ever held by the federation. One hundred and twenty-five delegates, some of them from Europe, are in attendance.

A Charleston dispatch says: The steam yacht Vamoose arrived there yesterday for the purpose of coaling and will continue southward to-day. She will not be molested here by the Government authorities as she was at Wilmington.

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The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

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With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a constipated condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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Boarders wanted—I have a large airy room, handsomely furnished, with southwestern exposure, five windows, on first floor, with hot and cold bath, suitable for two persons. Electric lights, gas and telephone in house. For further particulars apply to or phone Mrs. E. B. Wiggins, No. 114 South Second street. Phone No. 380. tu th sat dec 15 5w

Notice—Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the next session of the General Assembly of North Carolina to extend and to amend the Charter of the Chamber of Commerce of Wilmington. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., President. dec 13 4t

Do you speculate? "Guide to Successful Speculation" mailed free. Wheat, provision, cotton and stock speculation on limited margins thoroughly explained. Correspondence solicited. Warren, Ford & Co., 11 Wall Street, New York. my 17 1y tu th su

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200 Boxes New Firecrackers.
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100 Boxes Mixed Nuts.
150 Barrels Apples.
100 Boxes L. L. Raisins.
200 Pails Mixed Candy.
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Beautiful Calendars and Christmas Cards.

Handsome Gift Books, Standard Works, all the latest Novels in fine bindings, Work Boxes, Glove and Handkerchief Sets, Fancy Clocks, Photograph Albums, Writing Desks, Scrap Books, Whist Sets, Children's Books in endless variety, Games, Blocks, Bails, Iron Toys, &c., &c.

The above is only a partial list of the many articles we have on exhibition, and all at prices to suit your purse. Come now and make your selections and avoid the rush.

Parties desiring Pictures Framed before Christmas must bring them down at once.

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dec 11 tf

Shoes For The Boys.

Boys are apt to be hard on Shoes, but we have the Shoes adapted to rough usage. One pair of our youth's Kangaroo Calf Lace Shoes at $1.25, or a pair of our "Little Dude" Shoes at $1.25 will convince you that for economy we have the Shoe. Be sure and see them before purchasing elsewhere.

Geo. R. French & Sons.

nov 29 tf

We supply the wants of those large feet, requiring number 15's in Men's heavy SHOES; also, those tiny little feet requiring number 0's in Infants' smallest size, and almost anything else in GOOD CHEAP SHOES between these two extremes.

Gents' Holiday SLIPPERS in abundance. Come early and avoid the Christmas rush. Respectfully,

Mercer & Evans,

63½ steps east from corner Princess and Front Sts. dec 6 tf

Foreclosure Sale.

BY VIRTUE AND IN PURSUANCE OF A decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover county made at its September, 1896, term, in an action therein pending, wherein Winslow W. Smith is plaintiff, and William H. Spice and his wife Cornelia Ann Spice are defendants, the undersigned Commissioner will sell by public auction, for cash, on Tuesday, the 29th day of December, in the year 1896, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Court House door, in the city of Wilmington, the following described parcel of land situated in the said city of Wilmington, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning in the northern line of Hanover street, at a point forty-one feet and three inches (41 ft. 3 inches) west of the northwestern intersection of Hanover and Eighth streets, and running thence westwardly along the northern line of Hanover street 41 feet 5 inches, thence northwardly and parallel wi h Eighth street 66 feet, thence eastwardly and parallel with Hanover street 41 feet 5 inches, thence southwardly and parallel with Eighth street 66 feet to the northern line of Hanover street, the beginning. The same being a part of the eastern part of lot number 6, in block number 207 according to the present plan of the said city of Wilmington.

WILLIAM L. SMITH, nov 24 6w 24 dec 1 8 15 22 29 Commissioner.

A 35c Tooth Brush for 20c.

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THESE BRUSHES WERE THROWN ON the jobber's hands by the failure of the parties by whom they were ordered for, hence they are no saleable goods as they have the "Busted" people's name on them. BUT IT DOES NOT HURT THE BRUSH, does it? and they are yours at 20 cents each.

JAMES D. NUTT, dec 13 tf The Druggist.

Sale of Stock.

BY DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF DIrectors of the "East Carolina Pisicatorial Association," I will expose for sale to the highest bidder, at public auction for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, in the City of Wilmington, on Saturday the 26th day of December, 1896, at 12 o'clock M., twenty shares of the capital stock of the "East Carolina Pisicatorial Association," standing in the name of Thomas Perrett to satisfy and pay the sum of two hundred and twenty dollars, due as unpaid assessments on said stock; said assessments having been duly and regularly called by order of the said board and payment thereof having been duly refused by Thomas Perrett, the subscriber to said stock.

JOHN D. BELLAMY, Jr., dec 4 20t Attorney.

Combination Bicycle FOR SALE.

A Combination "Crusader" Bicycle, for either lady or gentleman. Cushion Tires. Brand new. Will be sold cheap. Call in person, or address M., at ap 7 tf STAR OFFICE.

C. W. Polvogt & Co.,

No. 9 North Front St.

Timely truth-telling talk concerning the many lots of bright Christmas merchandise. The happy throngs of busy buyers grow larger day by day. Many are the comments of pleased surprise heard on every hand. Our public appreciate the enterprise which prompted all this holiday preparation and are showing their appreciation by their patronage. Hundreds of helpful hints here to make your gift buying easy.

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Hundreds of dozens of them to fit your every wish. Extra help in attendance so that you may be promptly served.

A PAIR OF KID GLOVES

Makes a most acceptable Christmas gift. This department is now at its best.

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Bought for the occasion. Heavy damask or huck. Some with knotted fringe; some hemstitched; some all white; some with rich borders, and all reasonably cheap.

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To enumerate the great host of useful and ornamental things would acquire columns of space. But they're everywhere in evidence in the windows, on the counters, in the fixtures—everywhere are these heart gladdeners, and you are cordially invited to come and take a peep at them. Many of you will buy them, for they're just what you're looking for; and here they'll cost you less than elsewhere.

Books, Games, Pin Cushions and lots of other useful articles.

When looking for your Christmas Presents be sure to visit us.

C. W. Polvogt & Co.,

Sole Agents for Butterick's Patterns and W. B. Corsets. dec 13 tf

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—AT—

No. 29 North Front St.

Bric-a-Brac.

Rose Jars in Black, Purple, Lemon and Pink at 40c, $1.00 and 2.00.
Pin Trays in Black, Pink and Blue, decorated, 25c each.
Hand-painted Wine and Medicine Glasses 10c each.
Real Cut Glass Vases at 75c each.
Violet Jars in shades of Pink, Blue and Green 20c each.
Low Tea Cups and Saucers in Blue, White and Pink, 35c, 65c, 20c, 15c, 25c and 50 cent. Assorted Salad Plates 15 and 20c each.
Oat Meal Sets 75c, variety of colors. Cracker Jars 75c and $1.95.
Salad Bowls, fancy shades, 50c each. Bread and Butter Plates 20c each.
Sugars and Creams, assorted, Pinks and Greens, $3.75 set.
Sugars and Creams, assorted, Pinks and Greens 75, 50, 35c and $1.00.
Wedgewood in Tea Pots at $3 50; Cream Pitchers at $1.00 and $1 50.
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Dolls, Dolls, Dolls.

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Delicate Balms, Creamy Unguents, Stimulating Lotions and Soothing Powders that could not harm the skin of a babe, find place within the sanctum of the woman who but a few years ago was practically ignorant of toilet arts.

We are sole Agents for HUDNUT'S TOILET REQUSITES.

Dress Goods, Notions, Handkerchiefs, Carpets, Laces and Gloves.

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Ha, Ha! Christmas Gift!

This jolly, old and pleasant word will soon be heard coming from those we most love and respect, and we must be looking around for presents of all kinds.

Come and let us show you over our stock of Toys and Dolls of all kinds, small Toys, Air Guns, Stoves and Tea Sets. We have the Unbreakable Doll, warranted positively unbreakable, 14 inches long, at 50c; 21 inches long, at $1.25. Bisque, positively unbreakable, 14 inches long, at 25c, and larger to $1.00. The self-loading Air Gun carries 100 loads in its chambers, for $1.00 each.

We have a beautiful line of Handkerchiefs, nicely embroidered, at 10c; finer at 15c, and extra fine at 25c. A fine line of white, large, pure Silk Ladies' Handkerchiefs at 25c; Gents' larger at 35 and 50c. Large white Hemstitched Handkerchiefs at 5c for Ladies and Gents.

LADIES' KID GLOVES, 4-button, at 75c; best warranted brands at $1.00 each.

CORSETS all styles from 33c to $1.25 a pair. A full line of standard brands in Warner's goods and the R. & G. and F. & P. If you need a good Corset we can fit you and please you in quality and price.

In DRESSS GOODS we have a very nice line. We carry a full stock at the bottom price. We have a special value in Wool Fancies, assorted colors, worth 30c, our special price is 25c per yard. In Worsted Fancies, 28 inches wide, at 12½c, worth 20c; 36 inches wide, in Blue Trecot at 10c per yard. Fine all wool Black and Blue Flannel, 36 inches wide, at 25c. Strictly all wool Serge, 40 inches, at 35c per yard. Fine F. F. Cashmere, the best brand, in all colors, at 25c. All colors in Danish Cloth at 10c per yard. Fine Sea Island Homespun, 1 yard wide, at 5c per yard.

A drive in PANTS CLOTH; light at 7c; heavy Jeans at 12½c; heavy Fleece Wool at 35c; better at 40 and 50c.

WOOL BLANKETS, pure white, all wool Rose Blankets, 10-4 size, weight 5 pounds, beautiful goods, at $3 50 a pair; 11-4 size, same Blankets, weight 6 pounds, $5.00; 11-4 size, weight 7 pounds, $6.00; nice large Naped 10-4 Grey Blankets, cotton, at $1.00 a pair. Comforts, large size, from $1.00 to 3.50 each.

A beautiful line of LADIES' SKIRTS just received this morning.

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